

Rain or snow tonight;
Friday fair, with falling
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Danger of U. S. Being Drawn Into War, Reason For Wilson's Appeal

TREMENDOUS LIQUIDATING MOVEMENT IN STOCK MARKET TODAY

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—President Wilson's communication to the warring powers and the subsequent comment upon it by Secretary Lansing were made the occasion of another tremendous liquidating movement in the stock market today, which far exceeded in scope and activity any session of the past ten days.

Special stocks, notably those regarded as war issues, broke 1 to 13 points during a wild opening, with declines of 1 to 3 points between sales. There was a quick rally, but this gave way to alternate declines and advances during the forenoon, culminating after the noon hour in another sweeping downward movement, which followed soon upon the publication of Secretary Lansing's statement.

The latter break was marked for the first time since the recent period of liquidation began by heavy weakness in rails. Despite the declaration of an extra 2 per cent dividend by Union Pacific, that stock showed an extreme loss of 5 1/2 points and Reading and other leaders in the railway division also fell abruptly.

U. S. Steel was the centre during the trading of the forenoon of convulsive movements. In one lot, at the opening 16,000 shares were quoted at 104 1/4 to 105 1/4, an extreme loss of 2 1/2 points.

This was the largest single transaction in the history of the exchange. During the noon break Steel dropped to 102 1/2.

The sales of all stocks during the first two hours reached 1,300,000 shares.

The trading, with its quick nervous rallies and declines, caused many brokers to discourage the buying of the more volatile specialties except for cash and others refused to accept less than 50 per cent margins, even for standard shares.

The presidents note virtually occupied exclusive attention in high financial quarters.

Advanced In Cotton

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Cotton opened at an advance of from 26 to 38 points here today, the upturn from yesterday's closing prices being attributed largely to overnight developments in Washington relative to peace. May contracts early sold up to 12 points above yesterday's closing quotations.

Reports were in circulation in the cotton market that a prominent German steamship line was planning to resume service as early as Feb. 1 and buyers had the further encouragement of higher Liverpool cables and an advance of one penny reported for Egyptian cotton.

Even rails, which have been generally strong in the midst of the recent liquidation, gave way in the first rush of selling today. Reading selling off over a point, and the Pacific 1 5/8.

Although the market continued feverish, rallies were registered in the first half hour of from 2 to 7 points.

Decline In Wheat

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—A maximum decline of 7 cents was registered in the wheat market at the opening today on President Wilson's peace note.

Wheat, which had been closed yesterday at \$1.51 1/2 to \$1.62, it opened today with sales ranging from \$1.55 to \$1.58. At \$1.50 to \$1.51 opened 4 3/8 to 5 3/4 lower. The brokers were loaded

with selling orders and a huge business was done.

Exchanges

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Exchanges \$554,412,851; balances \$26,573,193.

Boston Market

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—Metal shares broke from 1 to 5 points at the opening of the local market today. After an outpouring of stock at low prices, the market rallied slightly but stopped to make a downward course again. Prices were slightly improved just before noon.

Beautiful Cut Glass—Ricard's.

CORCORAN WAS AFTER THE CHICKENS

Just because four choice chickens which had been tied up in a bag and placed in a barrel ready to be taken when the way was clear fluttered their wings and cackled, Thomas Corcoran, who for many years has had a strong

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Religious Xmas articles—Ricard's.

BONUS OF ONE MONTH'S PAY TO EMPLOYEES

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—A bonus of one month's salary to all employees whose salaries do not exceed \$1800 a year, without discrimination as to membership in the railroad brotherhoods of trainmen, was voted today by the directors of the Union Pacific railroad. The directors also adopted a plan for insurance for its employees with salaries under \$4000.

An extra dividend of 2 per cent on the common stock also was declared.

Beautiful China at Ricard's.

Banjo wizards, Asso. hall, tonight.

HARRISONIA HOTEL

Christmas Dinner

From 12 to 8:30 P. M.

ORCHESTRA AND VOCAL

"Way up in Vermont in the Green Mountains there's a place called Turkeyville, or something like that, where the trains never stop unless you flag them. Outside of that it's all right. That's where the Turkeys are raised we're going to serve on Christmas. They take these turkeys when they are young, and raise 'em by hand, feed 'em on milk and waffles and choice grain, and whipped cream and other delicacies, and never let them exercise to get tough, but ride 'em round in limousines so when they grow up they are plump and tender and have a flavor like nothing else on this earth. Then we take 'em, stuff them full of chestnuts and oysters, and roast them golden brown with a slice of pork on their wishbone, and when we serve them Christmas you'll go to it like you were a boy again back home with the old folks; and presently you'll push back and grin like a cheese and look 'round and say, 'Gosh! that was some feed!'" And you'll speak the truth. But listen: If you want to be in on it you'd better say so right now! One dollar and twenty-five cents a plate and worth the money."

"I have been said of us that we have long since reached the Ocean of Confidence."

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INTERESTING REPORTS BY
LOCAL TEACHERS

The current issue of "Common Ground," published by the Massachusetts Teachers' Federation and circulated among teachers of the state, has reports of unusual interest written by local teachers. Over 2000 copies of this magazine are circulated in the state, and it has a great deal to do in shaping opinion among those in whose interest it is published.

The president's report is by Henry H. Harris of this city. It is a clear and convincing article in which a great deal of excellent matter is condensed into a small space. Mr. Harris has the following to say of membership in the federation:

"Membership in such an organization as this Massachusetts Teachers' Federation is a privilege; it should not be necessary to urge it upon one; it should not go begging; it should be eagerly sought by all teachers who have their hearts in their work, and who can say with William Macandrew, 'I am glad I am alive.' The teacher who has caught the spirit of the time is putting her soul into service, and out of such service she is getting great satisfaction. Prof. Henry Suzzallo well says:

"Pensions, tenure, and pay are vital questions, but they cannot and should not be made the prime basis of teachers' associations. To do so is to focus our professional vigor on personal return rather than on impersonal service. The prime end of teacher organizations should be to make more efficient our social servanthood."

Miss Devine's Report.

Mary F. Devine, chairman of the committee on the metric system, has a practical report in which her views are put plainly and strongly. She says:

"The committee on metric system believes that generations of effort by earnest advocates have not served to advance the cause of the metric system in the United States and in some other countries as have the world-war conditions of the last two years. A

DO YOU SUFFER

FROM BACKACHE?

When your kidneys are weak and torpid they do not properly perform their functions; your back aches and you do not feel like doing much of anything. You are likely to be dependent and to borrow trouble, just as if you hadn't enough already. Don't be a victim any longer.

The old reliable medicine, Hood's Sarsaparilla, gives strength and tone to the kidneys and builds up the whole system. Get it today.

Perfume Economy

Good lasting flower extracts by the spoonful in plain water stretch a bottle of perfume an ounce. We make, and you save, middlemen's profits and cost of fancy packages.

Ten odors from which to choose.

HOWARD The Druggist,
197 Central St.

WE OPEN MORNINGS
THIS WEEK AT 9
O'CLOCK.

The Bon Marché
DRY GOODS CO.

OPEN EVERY EVENING
FOR THE REST OF
THE WEEK

We Are Prepared for the Final Rush

With larger stocks, more variety and better merchandise than ever before. Hundreds of cheerful, courteous salespeople and a very efficient delivery system.

YOU WILL FIND IT MUCH EASIER SHOPPING FORENOONS

But you may rest assured we will do our best to please you at your own convenience. Better purchase the Sensible, Serviceable, Reliable Gifts; the kind of goods we sell the year round.

Come Where Both Price and Merchandise Are Correct

survey of factory methods that has recently been made by the bureau of standards of the department of commerce shows that American factories that two years ago knew only inches and feet are turning out shells, rifles, guns and other war materials for France, Italy, and other metric countries entirely in metric dimensions. Scores of railway locomotives are being manufactured by American plants in meters and millimeters, and in engine factories and sections of factories not a single gauge, scale, or other measure device can be found bearing the complicated Anglo-American measures of length."

Miss Lee's Suggestions

Alice T. Lee of the committee on free textbooks has made several sensible suggestions, including the following:

"It was voted by your committee to go on record as opposed to the state printing of textbooks.

"The method of selecting text-books was considered, and it was the opinion of your committee that the superintendent of schools, with a committee of the teachers and principals of schools, and the grade teachers in whose grades the books are to be used should make the selection.

"State uniformity of textbooks was also considered, and it was voted to

go on record as opposed to state uniformity."

Mr. John E. Barr and Miss Adelaide Baker of Lowell are members of the editorial committee of "Common Ground."

Her engagement ring is at Richards.

AMUSEMENT NOTES

LOWELL OPERA HOUSE

The press agent for the opera house says: "The most brilliant hit recorded in Lowell theatres in a good many seasons is 'Everyman's Castle,' that wonderful drama of the present day by William Anthony Maguire, with a cast of brilliant stars, for big audiences with the Emerson Players."

Miss Gladys McLeod, who last week made such a big hit as Madge Eriey in 'Old Kentucky' after Miss O'Day was injured, is seeing a big hit as Ruth Brent, while Jean Miller as Ruth Vincent, while Jean Miller as Ruth Vincent, as the lead, could not be beaten. Never before have the Emersons been so well cast for any attraction as for 'Everyman's Castle.'

According to information which seems to be credited in well informed circles in Washington, President Wilson has under consideration the appointment of Miss Ida M. Tarbell, the famous author, investigator and publicist, as a member of the federal tariff commission. It has been understood that two of the three democratic mem-

bers of the commission will be chosen from the board of the National Civic League, a splendid program of vaudeville and picture features will be offered. There will be five big acts and as many reels of the newest and best releases in photoplays.

Next week starting with a special matinee on Christmas day the Emerson Players will present 'The Emperor's New Clothes' a great success. This play comes direct from a year's run in New York a year ago and six months in Boston to crowded houses. It has been a big hit in one of the biggest cities in the past three years. Seats are now selling for Christmas matinee and night and for the whole week, so make reservations early. Miss Anna Cora will be back in the cast with all the favorites. Secure your seats now—Advt.

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SHELL FIRE DEVASTATES VILLAGE LEAVES RELIGIOUS STATUE INTACT



VILLAGE OF MONTAUBAN WRECKED BY WAR, SHELLS SPARE RELIGIOUS STATUE

Exploring the ruins of the French village of Montauban, back of the British battle line on the Somme, a party of British soldiers found a beautiful statue of the Virgin Mary unharmed, although virtually everything around had been pounded to pieces by the German shell fire. At the base of the statue a huge German shell, unexploded, was discovered. It may be seen on the picture.

ENORMOUS INCREASES IN IMPORTS AND EXPORTS

GAIN OF FOUR MILLION DOLLARS
IN IMPORTS AND SIX MILLION IN
EXPORTS IN NEWFOUNDLAND

ST. JOHNS, P. E. I. Dec. 21.—Increases of more than four million dollars in imports and nearly six millions in exports are shown in a statement of the foreign business of the colony of Newfoundland for the fiscal year ended on June 30 last, made public today. Total imports were \$14,127,536 and exports \$18,962,113.

Imports from America amounted to

\$7,097,779 and exports to America \$2,519,600, both representing large increases.

BONUS TO EMPLOYEES

ATHOL, Dec. 21.—The L. C. Starrett Tool Co., employing 1600 persons, today announced a bonus to be paid all employees, graded according to the terms of service.

HERBERT JAQUES DEAD

BROOKLINE, Dec. 21.—Herbert Jacques, former president of the United States Golf Association and a prominent architect, died suddenly at home in the Chestnut Hill district today. He was 39 years of age.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

PRES. WILSON'S PEACE NOTE ENDORSED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—A resolution strongly endorsing President Wilson's peace note, introduced in the senate today by Senator Hitchcock, was sent to the foreign relations committee on objection by Senator Borah that the senate had not had sufficient opportunity to consider the note.

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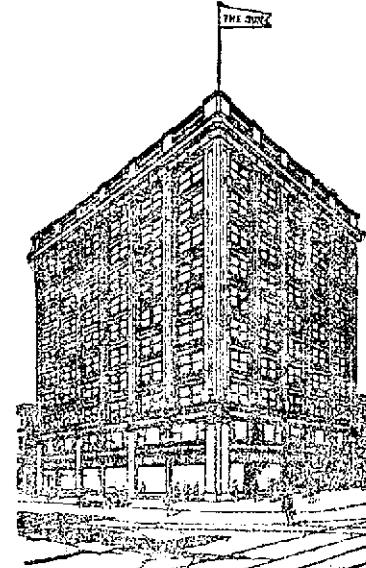
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DR. GUNNISON, NOTED EDUCATOR IS DEAD

PRINCIPAL OF ERASMUS HALL HIGH SCHOOL OF BROOKLYN PASSED AWAY TODAY

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Walter Baden Gunnison, educator, author of Latin text books and principle of Erasmus Hall high school of Brooklyn, one of the oldest schools in the country, died here today after several years of failing health. He was born in Abington, Mass., in 1852, was graduated from St. Lawrence university in 1875 and for 10 years was professor of Latin and literature at St. Lawrence. He then practiced law at Madison, Wis., and returned to New York to accept public school principalship, later becoming assistant superintendent of education here. In 1896 he became principal of Erasmus Hall which was founded in the 18th century.

Dr. Gunnison is survived by his wife who was Blanche Eaton of Dexter, Me.; two sons and three daughters and two brothers, Dr. Almon Gunnison, president-emeritus of St. Lawrence university and Herbert F. Gunnison, business manager of the Brooklyn Law.

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MARINA NOT IN SERVICE OF BRITISH WHEN SUNK

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Announcement was made at the state department yesterday that Great Britain had furnished complete information showing that the British horse ship Marina sank without warning. By a German admiring with the loss of six Americans, was not at the time and had not been before in British public service, either by capture or requisition.

FOR POSTMASTER OF CONCORD, N. H.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Allan H. Robinson was nominated by President Wilson today as postmaster at Concord, N. H.

CALL NEW FOOD CONTROL MEASURE A FAILURE

LONDON PAPERS SAY PLAN HAS INCREASED CONSUMPTION OF FOOD

LONDON, Dec. 20.—According to some of the newspapers two days experience of the first food control measure, which regulates the number and nature of courses served in hotels and restaurants, has been sufficient to prove it little. They say that not only has it failed to check consumption but that in many instances it has increased it. It is claimed that there

is no supervision and that many customers, finding that they can indulge in several servings of the same dish without having more than one course counted against them have availed themselves freely of this loophole. Moreover there is nothing to prevent anyone from taking a succession of meals in different places. The papers urge food tickets or a tax on hotels and restaurant bills as in Paris.

VICTIM OF PTOMAINE POISONING
BINGHAMTON, N. Y., Dec. 20.—Following an attack of ptomaine poisoning, C. H. Mitchell, one of the best known contractors in the south, died here late last night during an operation. He occupied part of the million dollar group of buildings at Springfield, Mass., and the Albany Normal school among the public edifices.

TAX ON EXCESS PRODUCTS

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The tax on excess products had produced £72,892,000 up to Dec. 16, Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, told the house of commons today.

The original estimate for the year ending March 31, said the chancellor, was £86,000,000, an amount which he considered likely to be greatly exceeded.

SECRETREASURY IN BOSTON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The application for the Boston subtreasury was yesterday restored to the legislative and judicial bill by the house, without a vote. The bill, introduced with the loss of six Americans, was not at the time and had not been before in British public service, either by capture or requisition.

Little opposition was encountered. Representatives Gallivan and Tague were in Boston to vote in the city election. In Representative's speech, a proposal for a separate vote on the Boston provision resulted in its restoration to the bill without a roll-call.

IMPERIAL CONFERENCE

LONDON, Dec. 20.—At a meeting of the Empire Parliamentary association today, Walter Hume Long, secretary of state for the colonies, said that the time of holding the imperial conference mentioned by Premier Lloyd George in his speech yesterday depended on the Overseas dominions. Their premiers, he added, were engaged in work as strenuous and anxious and as important as that of those in the home government.

HELD UP BY U-BOAT

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—The Dutch steamer Maartensdyk was held up 100 miles from Falmouth, Eng., on Dec. 4 by a German submarine which fired a solid shot across her bows but later allowed the vessel to proceed. Capt. Ryk reported today when his vessel arrived here with a general cargo to Rotterdam. The submersible, apparently was of a larger type than any previously reported, he said. She bore no number visible to Chief Officer Veldhoen, who went aboard with the Maartensdyk's papers.

BRITISH STEAMER SUNK

FREEST, Dec. 20.—The British steamer Ellington has been sunk by a submarine. Her captain and first engineer were taken prisoner. The others of the crew were rescued.

The Ellington, 3492 tons net, was last reported on her departure from Buenos Aires on Nov. 18 for London.

500 CASES OF WHISKEY STOLEN

GRANADA, Ala., Dec. 20.—Approximately 500 cases of whiskey seized by state authorities in the prohibition raids here last May and June have been stolen from a Granada warehouse since Nov. 1, according to a statement of the county sheriff today. He declared that the building had been without a guard since that date.

EMBARGO ON FREIGHT

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 20.—The Baltimore & Ohio railroad placed an embargo last weekend against all westbound railroad freight from manufacturers west of Cumberland, Md., except perishables, livestock and coal dust for human consumption.

SPINAL MENINGITIS ON BORDER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Army medical officers on the border reported today there was no danger of the cases of spinal meningitis among Georgia and Pennsylvania troops becoming epidemic. There have been three deaths in a Georgia regiment and two cases, both now recovering, in a Pennsylvania organization. No new cases have developed in the last eight days.

CHRISTMAS OPERETTA AT ST. PETER'S SCHOOL

"The Tables Turned, or a Christmas for Santa Claus" is the title of a dainty little Christmas operetta presented by the pupils of St. Peter's parochial school in the large assembly hall of the building in Gorham street. The affair was in keeping with the feast of the Nativity and was largely attended, the attendance being composed of parents and children.

The program was most entertaining and its execution reflected great credit upon the sisters in charge of the school. It may be said that this is the first public entertainment given under the auspices of the school, and many who attended hope it will not be the last.

The cast for the operetta was as follows:

Norman Master Francis Green
Dorothy Miss Helen Delaney
Santa Claus Master Joe Howe
Jack Frost Master J. Bradford
The White Cat Miss Catherine Garney
Christmas Joy Miss Mary Gallagher
Eunice and Neige Snowdakes
Miss Mary Moulton and Miss Mary C. McManam

Little Pages Masters Dunn, Lunn, Mealey, Stahl, Shinn, Silver Spark and Crystal
Santa Claus Misses Alice, Elsie, Emily, Flossie, Lucy, Mary, Nellie, Rose, Sophie, Susie, Tracy
Misses Susie Lyons, Miss Anna Shea, Miss Anna Donohoe
March and chorus of Children of the Nations
Frost Sprites Snowdakes

The other part of the program consisted of the following numbers: Santa Claus, recitation and song, Little boys of first grade, Peace, recitation, Eleanor Young, Song, Little Wonders, Little girls of first grade, Recitation, Masters Arthur Tobin, William Hornbrook, Stuart Malony, Michael Sullivan and Francis Irvin, Solo, Master William Lantague, Chorus, "O, Holy Night," Solo by Miss Dorothy Eastman, Adepte Fiddlers.

The entertainment will be repeated tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock.

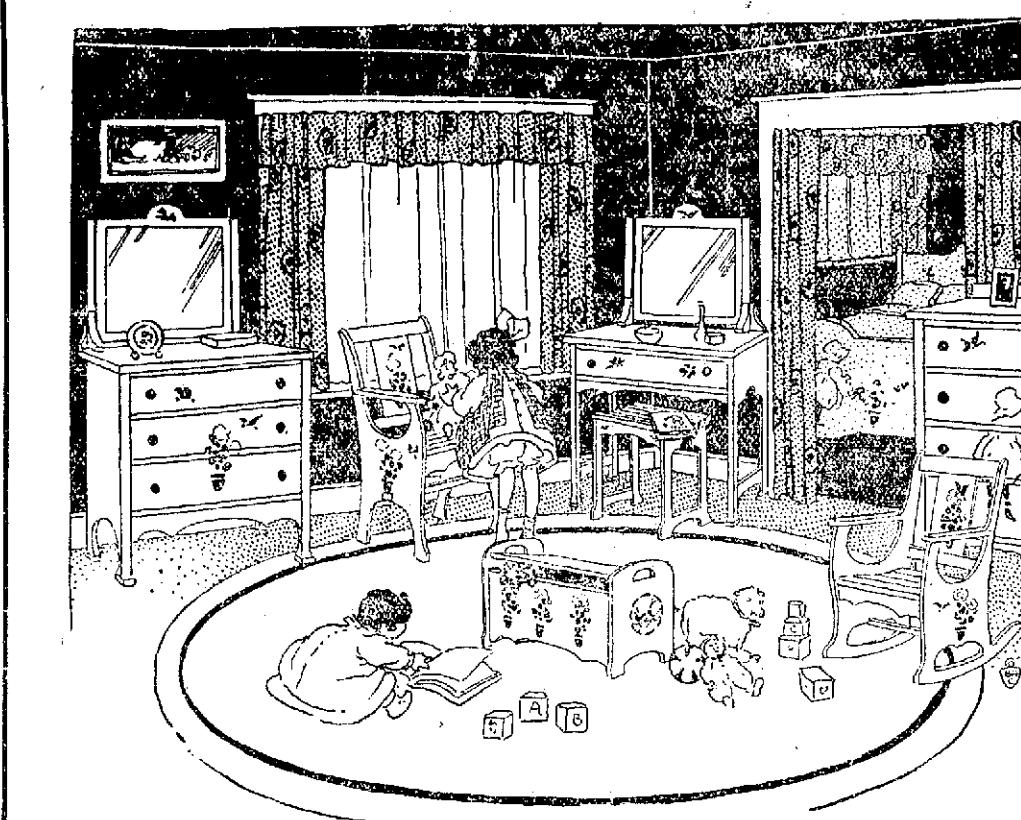
LOYD GEORGE'S PLAN TO MOBILIZE LABOR

Premier's proposal follows somewhat on line of German mass levy

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The British public had much to reflect on this morning. The reply of Premier Lloyd George to the German peace proposals had been anticipated and passages of his speech dealing with that question appeared in the late editions of yesterday evening's newspapers. The domestic program of the new government, however, was not published until this morning and it was too vast and too briefly indicated for the immediate crystallization of opinion.

The most important of these points foreshadowed by the premier was the general mobilization of labor for war and the vital industries. Mr. Lloyd George indicated he meant to begin with a voluntary plan and that if this failed he would ask parliament to give the government compulsory powers to place all the labor of the state at its service. His proposal, therefore, follows somewhat on the line of the German mass levy.

The task allotted to Neville Chamberlain, who has been appointed director-general of national service, of scheduling certain industries as indispensable and supplying them with the necessary labor and material, and at the same time putting the indispensable industries on fixed allowances of hours, raw material and man power is considered a stupendous one, but Mr. Chamberlain's great experience in business is expected to work through. He will have a military director under him to conduct recruiting for the army and a civil director



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Howard L. Elton of this city has been arrested by the state department, it was learned today, of the execution of his husband at Mexico, Mex., on Dec. 5. Elton, a mining engineer, was charged with acting as an enemy of the Mexican government by purchasing ore from a mine confiscated by the Carranza administration. It was also asserted by Elton that he did not know the ore was stolen at the time he bought it.

OPPOSES PAY HANDLE MERGER
HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 20.—The public service commission today approved the so-called Pay Handle merger of the Pennsylvania lines west of Pittsburgh under the name of the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad Co.

AMERICAN EXECUTED
WATERBURY, Conn., Dec. 20.—Miss Anna Elton, a follower of Villa, who is said to have instigated the positive cutting off the ears of Carranza prisoners, and 17 of his band, have been executed by home guards, according to a report received here today from one of the home guards. The report said many Villa troops had been killed in a battle southwest of Chihuahua City.

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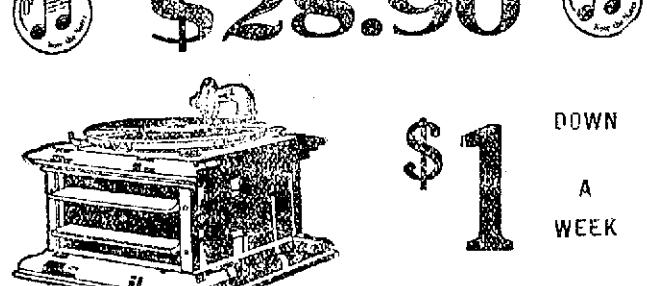
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conserve its interests as a neutral if the war continues. Coupled with the president's recent declaration that the position of neutrals was becoming inscrutable, this attach much significance to his statement in the note that his suggestion comes from a neutral whose interests have been most seriously affected by the war, and whose concern for its early conclusion arises out of a manifest necessity to determine how best to safeguard those interests if the war is to continue.

Von Bernstorff's Statement

In German quarters the conviction that the president's action would surely lead to some sort of a consideration of peace terms was expressed in the following authorized statement by Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador:

"Now I am perfectly convinced that there will be a conference."

Despite the fact that President Wilson's notes state specifically and unreservedly that he is not proposing peace, he is not even offering mediation." They are regarded here as of such a nature as will compel all belligerents to make more of a reply than a mere acknowledgement of receipt.

Action Causes Surprise

British embassy officials made no attempt to conceal their surprise at the president's action. They were not alone, however, for all official Washington had been led by officials to believe that the president in transmitting the German peace proposals without comment had taken all the action that was to be expected from the United States for some time to come unless there was some unforeseen development in world affairs. The secret with which the preparation of the notes and their despatch were surrounded was complete and nothing was known about them until they were well on their way to the belligerent capitals.

League to Insure Peace

The definite proposal of the United States for "a league of nations to insure peace and justice throughout the world" is interpreted as a step which, if carried through, would mean the abandonment of the theory of "splendid isolation" which Washington has preached to the country. Significance is attached to the fact that the president uses the word "insure" rather than "enforce" as indicating that he has not committed himself to any one program to accomplish that end, but that he is open to whatever suggestions may seem best to the other world nations.

Repeated efforts have been made to enlist the American government in some sort of international agreement involving responsibility, but always the answer has been that the United States would stand alone. Several months ago President Wilson spoke most earnestly before the League to Enforce Peace of his hope that the United States would join in some new international arrangements, but not until now has he made the proposal officially to the nations of the nations of the world.

Guarantees Against War

It is thought here that along these lines President Wilson's note will find its most ready reception abroad, for all parties have indicated their belief that the war will have been in vain unless from it comes guarantees against its repetition. Former Minister Sir Edward Grey for England, Prince Briant for France and Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg for Germany, have all committed their nations to some sort of international reorganization to secure the end laid down in the president's note and the official officers of the central powers together with Lloyd George's speech in reply have accentuated that purpose.

As yet however, the actual procedure which may be adopted appears uncertain. German, apparently, has given up her earlier opposition to disarmament which nearly split the second Hague conference. No official statement has come from either England or France on this subject in the present circumstances. It was Eng-

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land, however, at The Hague conference, seconded by France and the United States that insisted on stating their views in favor of disarmament. Deepest interest centered today in the probable time and form of the belligerent's reply. It is assumed that the members of each group of allies will consult one another and agree on a uniform statement of views, but whether that statement will be jointly, identically or different in each case is not known.

The solidarity which has been so strikingly shown both by the central powers' identically proposals and the allies' virtually simultaneous response is expected to be continued here. It is thought also that some time may lapse before the different groups can settle down to an actual agreement on terms to be presented, in case it is decided to head the president's request by going into them fully.

Meanwhile the allied entente's response to the central powers' proposals are expected almost any time for transmission through this country to their various destinations.

Parallel in Roosevelt's Action in 1905

The nearest parallel in world history for President Wilson's action was President Roosevelt's move in 1905 to end the war between Russia and Japan. But in that case the president had been assured his proposal would not be disagreeable to either of the belligerents, and curiously enough it was through Emperor William of Germany that the preliminary soundings crystallized in the suggestion that President Roosevelt take the steps.

Before that time Pres. Roosevelt had conferred with Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador here, and with Mr. Takahira, the Japanese minister to the Russian capital the American ambassador, George von L. Meyer, had conversations with Count Lansdorff the Russian minister for foreign affairs. In Tokio American Minister Griscom had conversations with Count Komura, the Japanese minister for foreign affairs. The outcome of all these preliminaries was that President Roosevelt was assured that he would not be humiliated by a rejection of his action.

Those in official circles who would discuss the notes thought it worthy of attention that President Wilson, after saying his action had long been in mind, added:

"The president can only beg that his suggestion be considered entirely on its own merits and as if it had been made in other circumstances."

OFFICIALS SURPRISED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Distinct surprise was apparent among diplomatic officials in Washington today over President Wilson's plea to European belligerents to discuss peace terms. Publication today of the note, finished Monday and despatched Tuesday to American diplomatic representatives abroad, gave most officials the first notice that such a step was even contemplated at this time.

Opinion here inclined toward the view that the action would give strong encouragement to some sort of exchange which might result in discussions of definite peace terms between the belligerents. It was believed further that since the president seeks only a clarification of peace views and does not offer mediation, the United States will not be placed in an embarrassing position if the European nations should be unable finally to develop a basis on which to approach each other.

Officials of the British embassy declared they were wholly unable to explain the action.

Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, said: "Now I am perfectly convinced that there will be a conference." He may confer with Secretary Lansing today."

ANTI-WAR COUNCIL ACTS

THE HAGUE, via London, Dec. 21.—The Netherlands anti-war council, at a meeting attended by many prominent persons, passed a resolution which was cabled to the belligerent governments and sent to all foreign ministers at The Hague, imploring the warring powers not to allow the peace negotiations to pass. The resolution declares that the chief war aim of all the fighting nations being apparently a wish to protect themselves and the rest of the world against future wars, an understanding is not wholly impossible. It calls attention to the fact that the leading statesmen of Great Britain, France and Germany have repeatedly avowed a willingness to join an international peace league and that thus a safeguard is obtainable that right instead of might may govern international relations in the future and Europe be delivered from militarism.

"We beseech the belligerent governments and peoples," the resolution says, "to make at least an endeavor to discover whether an agreement is possible now with a view to the establishment of a just and durable peace and a free Europe."

The meeting of the council at which the resolution was passed was attended by members of parliament, university professors and representatives of peace organizations.

ALDERMAN PUTNAM
Continued

an order, he wanted to go on record as being in favor of the rates. The meeting was called promptly at 10, with the mayor presiding and Commissioners Morse and Donnelly present. Commissioner Putnam came in later, but Commissioner Duncan was not present during the meeting.

A notification was received from the clerk of the superior court for the drawing of four jurors for superior court, Cambridge, first Monday in January, and the following names were drawn by Commissioner James E. Donnelly:

John Walmsley, 8 Waterford street, clerk.
Patrick H. Barry, 13 Sycamore street.

CHERRY & WEBB



Gifts for Women from the Women's Specialty Store

Fur Sets

\$5.98, \$6.98, \$8.75, \$10.00, \$12.75, \$15, \$20, \$25, \$30 up to \$150.

Black Fur Muffs

\$2.98, \$3.98, \$4.98, \$5.00, \$6.98, \$7.98, \$9.75.

Black Fox Muffs

\$10.00, \$12.75, \$14.98, \$16.75, \$18.75, \$19.75 to \$50.00.

Raccoon Fur Muffs

\$11.75, \$12.75, \$14.98, \$15.75 to \$25.00.

Fur Muffs in All Fashionable Furs

\$8.98, \$10.00, \$12.75, \$15.00, \$20.00, \$25.00, \$35.00 up to \$100.00.

Raccoon Fur Coats

\$50, \$65, \$80, \$85, \$90, \$100, \$125.

Hudson Seal Fur Coats

\$75, \$110, \$125, \$135, \$145 to \$275.

Children's Fur Sets

\$1.98, \$2.98, \$3.50, \$3.98, \$6, \$6.98, \$8.75 up.

Children's Fur Muffs

\$1.98, \$2.50, \$2.98, \$3.50, \$3.98, \$4.98 to \$10.

Dainty White Lingerie Waists

98c, \$1.50, \$1.98, \$2.98, \$3.98, \$5.00.

Crepe de Chine Silk Waists

\$1.98, \$2.98, \$3.98, \$5.00, \$5.98.

Pretty Lace Waists

\$3.98, \$5.00, \$6.98, \$8.98, \$7.50 to \$15.00.

Taffeta Silk Petticoats

\$2.98, \$3.98, \$5.00, \$6.98, \$8.98, \$10.75.

Dresden Silk Flounce Petticoats

\$2.98, \$3.98, \$5.00.

Heatherbloom Petticoats

Regular \$2.50 value, for \$1.98.

Sateen Petticoats

79c, 98c, \$1.89, \$2.98, \$3.98, \$5.00.

Extra Large Size Petticoats

98c, \$1.89, \$2.98, \$3.98, \$5.00.

Quilted Silk Vests

98c.

Quilted Silk Jackets

\$2.39.

Real Fine Wool Sweaters

\$3.98.

All Wool Coat Sweaters

\$2.98, \$3.98, \$5.00, \$6.98, \$8.98, \$8.75 to \$15.

Fibre Silk Coat Sweaters

\$5.98, \$6.98, \$8.98, \$10.75.

Wool Scarf and Cap Sets in boxes at

98c and \$1.50 per set.

Knitted Wool and Angora Caps

69c.

Winter Coats at reduced prices

\$5, \$8, \$10, \$12.75, \$15.75, \$19.75.

Winter Suits at reduced prices

\$12.75, \$14.98, \$19.75, \$22.50, \$25 and \$30.

Swell Opera Cloaks

\$29.50, \$35.00, \$37.50, \$39.50, \$50.00.

New Silk Dresses

\$8.00, \$10.00, \$12.75, \$15.00, \$17.50 and up

Handsome Ball Gowns

\$25.00, \$30.00, \$35.00, \$37.50, \$45.00 up to \$100.00.

Silk Kimonos

\$1.98, \$2.50, \$2.98, \$3.98, \$5.00 to \$10.00.

Ladies' Bath Robes

\$1.98, \$2.98, \$3.98, \$5.00 to \$8.75.

Children's Bath Robes

\$1.49, \$1.69.

Long Crepe Kimonos

\$1.00, \$1.50, \$1.98, \$2.50, \$2.98.

Ladies' Raincoats

\$2.98, \$3.98, \$5.00, \$6.98, \$8.98, \$10 to \$20.

Children's Raincoats

\$1.98, \$2.98, \$3.98, \$5.00, \$6.98.

Children's Raincaps

\$1.98 and \$2.98.

WILL DEMONSTRATE THE MACHINE GUN

A shooting demonstration of the Lewis machine gun, to take place at the South Lowell range of the plant of the U. S. Cartridge Co., tomorrow, Friday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, will be given by Colonel John J. Doyley, formerly of the U. S. Cartridge Co. This demonstration was arranged by Capt. Thomas B. Doe, manager of the U. S. Cartridge Co., for the instruction of the Lowell Business Men's battalion.

History of Gun
The Lewis gun is the invention of Colonel Isaac Newton Lewis, U.S.A., now retired. After years of experimentation he succeeded about 1910 in completing his first rough model of the gun and at once offered it to the United States government as a gift. The government declined to accept the gift.

The offer was repeated in 1911, when Colonel Lewis, then a major in the coast artillery, had made some slight improvements in the gun. Major Lewis is then assuring Colonel Wood, then chief of the general staff, that in the event of the government adopting his gun he "would not expect to receive any profit for his interest in the invention." Colonel Lewis is a graduate of West Point. His attitude then was that as a West Pointer and an officer whatever he was able to accomplish in a military way belonged to

In April of this year after the gun



EVERYTHING a man wears, for every day in the year.

He will appreciate useful wearable gifts.

OPEN EVENINGS
TILL
CHRISTMAS

THE CAESAR MISCH STORE

ALEXANDER STRAUSS, INC.

220 Central Street

OPEN EVENINGS
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BUY YOUR GIFTS ON CREDIT

First Payments Due in January

Two Floors Crowded With Useful Gifts for Men, Women and Children Can Be Bought For

\$1.00 A WEEK

LADIES' DEPT. Second Floor

LADIES' SUITS

Reduced to give you the benefit while you can wear them. \$25.00 value..... \$17.50

LADIES' COATS

Wool plush, wool velour, zibelines and plush.

\$9.75 to \$29.50

DAINTY CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Crepe de chine camisoles in flesh and white, lace and ribbon trimmed..... 98c

A Table Full of Different Styles of Lingerie Waists..... 98c

WATCHES

FOR \$1.00 A WEEK

Waltham and Hamilton movements, in guaranteed cases. Both men's and ladies'..... \$15 to \$37.50

JEWELRY

Bracelets, Pendants and Chains, \$2.75 to \$5.00

First payment after Jan. 1st.

DIAMOND RINGS

Ladies' and men's, in Tiffany, belcher and fancy settings. \$1.00 A Week

FURS--A Princely Gift

Black fox, pointed fox, natural opossum, ravelynx, Bulgarian coat, coney..... \$5.95 to \$23.75
Children's Sets—Ermine, coney, blue hare, white thibet, lamb..... \$1.98 to \$5.98

Lambert & Monette

241 CENTRAL STREET

Gifts sure to appeal to HIM.

FORMERLY LOCATION OF THE VOYONS THEATRE

Values sure to appeal to YOU

MEN'S GIFT SHOP

The wide variety shown offers a quick and happy solution of your holiday shopping problems. Gifts that will be daily reminders of your thoughtfulness—and discrimination.

A Wide Selection of Men's Gifts from **25c to \$25**

Men's Silk Ties—Of imported and domestic silk, open end shapes in the newest designs, 50c to \$2.00

Mufflers (Silk and Knitted)—For skating, motor and general wear \$1 to \$5

Plain Colored Mercerized and Flannelette Pajamas—In white, blue and tan \$1 to \$2

Men's Shirts—All of fine quality materials and exclusive patterns \$1 to \$2

Men's Belts—Of border cowhide, detachable and attached buckles. All sizes \$2.50 to \$1.15

Men's Handkerchiefs—An exceptionally fine line of silk and linen handkerchiefs, 5c to \$1.00

Evening Dress Sets, Scarf Pins, Pocket Knife and Watch (combined), Chain, Links, Studs, etc. made of highest quality pearl, gold and silver.

Men's Silk Shirts—Custom made, of best quality silks. Style, fit and materials guaranteed. \$2.50 to \$25

Men's Gloves—Mocha and kid in all the popular shades. Lined and unlined \$1 to \$3

Fur lined gloves \$4.25 to \$6

Men's Collars—The stock of soft and starched collars we have surely must contain the style "he" wears. 15c to 25c

Men's Sweaters—All styles, colors and sizes, \$2.50 to \$9.50

Men's Overcoats—Stylish, warm, man-sized overcoats, tailoring and materials the best. \$12.50 to \$25

Christmas Bargains

FOR

Thursday, Friday and Saturday

Trimmed Hats \$2, \$3, \$4, \$5 Each

Untrimmed Shapes 98c, \$1.49, \$1.88

Skating Sets, Cap and Scarf, \$1.25, \$1.49, \$1.98, \$2.50

Fur Trimmings, to Close 98c Yard

OPEN EVENINGS

HEAD & SHAW

The Milliners

161 Central St.

recent achievements of Miss Ruth Law and others have demonstrated that airplanes can come great distances in a relatively short time. Basing our judgment upon these achievements and the general progress of the past few years, it is not too much to expect that airplane mail service is a certainty for the near future.

"In this connection let me say that I am heartily in favor of using any method available for expediting and advancing the deliveries of mail. There has been a good deal of misrepresentation relative to my attitude concerning the pneumatic mail tubes, but in spite of that the fact remains that I will endorse any method which secures more rapid deliveries for the department."

VOTES TO SELL DANISH WEST INDIES

COPENHAGEN, via London, Dec. 21.—After a single reading the Folkethus yesterday adopted the bill ratifying the treaty for the sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States. The vote was 90 in favor of and 16 against ratification. Five members were absent.

When the bill came up for discussion 14 members of whom six were conservative and eight of the Left party joined in moving an amendment asking the government to negotiate with the United States to purchase only St. John or St. Thomas, while Denmark would retain the other two islands. This was rejected by 30 to 14. The proposal for the sale of all three islands was then adopted.

The Landsting, it is expected, will ratify the proposal today and thus the sale of the islands will be definitely settled.

The attendance contest was tried out for the first time and Companion Orrin Whittier was the winner. At the next meeting the contest will be on again and the entertainment committee will furnish refreshments. A communication from the grand commandery stated that a Malta night will be held at the Billy Sunday tabernacle on Wednesday evening, January 19. Space will be reserved for all, campions and ladies. A committee consisting of Past Commanders John A. Lambert, Henry Wishay and George P. Bowring and Companions Nelson C. Hill and Robert Smith will have charge of the Lowell delegation. Anyone wishing to go can procure tickets from them at a future date.

Lowell Man Now Tells The Story

Claims the New Herbal Remedy, Plant Juice, Has Restored His Health

Conditions, the result of the modern method of living, cause many people to seek relief by going out into the country and living close to nature; but the big majority cannot do this; they are forced by their environment, to continue their daily occupations, suffering untold tortures, until finally their aches and ills assume such serious tendencies that they have to give up altogether.

Plant Juice, the new herbal stomach remedy, is designed to meet just such needs. It has done more for men and women of American cities than any other preparation ever placed on the market. It is no longer necessary for debilitated people to go to the country to get a return of the vitality of nature to their bodies; the same is supplied directly and effectively in Plant Juice. It contains the medicinal and life-giving herbs, of forest, field and plain—the vitalizing juices which the soil gives forth nature's own remedy.

Every day more and more people are coming to realize the truth of this assertion, as verified by the signed testimonial of well known legal men.

Recently the signed testimonial of Mr. James Smith, who lives at No. 84 Fourth street, Lowell, and is a well known carver and contractor of this city, was produced. Mr. Smith has hosts of friends and is also a prominent member of the Carpenters' union district.

Last night, ex-President Taft was tendered a dinner at the Quenepaw Club by a committee of 100 citizens. Following the reception at the club, he addressed the newly naturalized citizens of the city in Music hall. Mayor Kay presided. The principal speech was made by John P. Doherty, ex-representative from the 8th Bristol district.

The biggest meeting of the night was at the state armory, where nearly 3,000 persons assembled to hear Mr. Taft deliver his address on the peace league. Judge Morton presided.

WATERTOWN GIRL OF 5 DIED OF ACIDOSIS

WATERTOWN, Dec. 21.—Mary Ryan, 5-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Ryan of 62 Riverside street, died yesterday at what the attending physician says was nothing. The disease created much excitement in greater Boston about a year ago, when a number of children died of it, the death at first being attributed to poliomyelitis by Christmas candy.

There was considerable talk about the Ryan child's illness, which was said to be infantile paralysis. The child was taken ill early Monday morning, and despite all that medical aid could do, continued to fail. There have been no other cases of the disease reported in Watertown.

Devine's Trunk Store

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156 Merrick St., Opp. Bon Marche
BEST LINE OF LEATHER GOODS
IN LOWELL

The Greatest Blessing

That a person can have is good eyesight for Christmas. Perfect fitting glasses here. We can aid in making you happy.

CASWELL OPTICAL CO.

30 MERRIMACK STREET
Established 1828

Boys' Dept.

SUITS—Blue serges and mixtures. \$2.95 to \$6.50

OVERCOATS \$5.95 to \$10.00

MACKINAWS \$4.95 to \$6.50

TOQUES and CAPS 50c to \$1.00

\$15.00 to \$25.00

GERMANY FAILS TO KEEP WORD TO AMERICA

woman responded in a fitting manner. A delightful musical program was given. Mr. John Jarrett and Miss Regina Kingham being the accompanists of the evening. The success of the affair was due to the efforts of Miss Mary Flannan.

MAY ASK RECOUNT OF LICENSE VOTE

LONDON, Dec. 21.—An Exchange Telegraph company's Amsterdam correspondent quotes the following from the Berlin Tagliche Rundschau regarding the reference made in the house of commons by Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, to the case of Capt. Blakie of the British steamer Caledonia, taken prisoner by the Germans.

The German government has now taken the position that England's armed commercial and passenger steamers are men-of-war, being armed auxiliary cruisers. The premise given to America—which has always hindered our submarine war—that these vessels before being torpedoed must be stopped and examined, fails to the ground. They are warships and must be treated as such even when Americans are on board.

We now have facilities for extending the under sea boat war which all sensible people have long recognized as unavoidable and indispensable. This is the best reply to Premier Lloyd George's refusal of our peace offer."

Mr. Bonar Law in his statement in the house of commons on Tuesday said Germany had given assurance that Capt. Blakie would not share the fate of Capt. Fryatt of the British steamer Brussels, who was executed after conviction on the charge that his vessel had attempted to ram a German submarine. Germany, the chancellor stated, considered the Caledonia an armed cruiser and that Capt. Blakie in attempting to ram the under sea boat was merely performing his duty.

Special: Pendants \$1 to \$25—Ricards
COMMUNION SETS—At Ricards.

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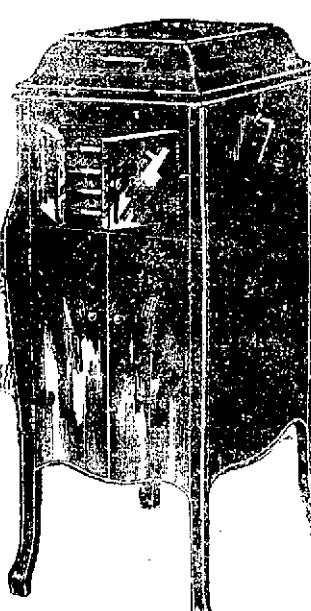
Joseph P. Gundersen of West Newton and Miss Harriet R. Ferguson of this city were married yesterday afternoon at Rev. Dr. C. E. Fisher at his home, 221 Foster street. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Marion Ferguson, while the best man was Archie Henley of West Newton. At the close of the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's sister and in the evening the happy couple left on an extended honeymoon trip through the state of New Hampshire.

Chests of silver—At Ricards.

IN BOSTON

The Sun is on sale every day at both news stands of the Union station in Boston. Don't forget this when taking your train for Lowell.

\$84



for this

Victrola outfit

Victrola X
(Mahogany or oak) . . . \$75.
Twelve 10-inch
75c double-faced
Victor Records
(24 selections) \$84.

Perhaps you are surprised to learn that you can get one of the "cabinet" Victrolas, and a dozen double-faced records to suit your own taste, for so little money.

This style Victrola is much in demand, as it provides the most popular features of construction for a small outlay of money.

Come in today, have us play some records for you, and inquire about our convenient terms.

Other styles of the Victor and Victrola \$10 to \$400.

SELECT IT NOW FOR XMAS

RING'S

110-112 Merrimack Street



FOUNTAIN PENS

An ideal gift for ladies or gentlemen. We have the largest line in Lowell—Waterman Ideal, Conklin, Crocker Ink-Tite, Moore, Parker, Prince's, etc.

\$1.00 to \$10

Bring in your old pen and we will allow you \$1.00 or more on it.

PRINCE'S 108 Merrimack St.

Your Xmas Shopping Made Easy

We Will Open an Account For You On The Department and Jewelry Stores

This Xmas season thousands of women and girls are using the Order Check for credit on the best shops.

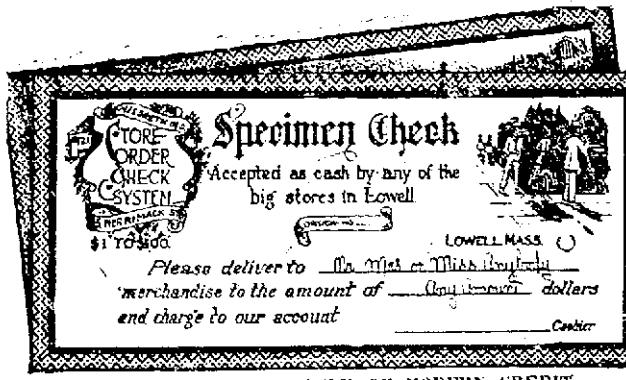
Or any kind of a shop, and you make your weekly payment to us at \$1.00 a week and buy where you like and what you like. This Order Check will be given to you for any amount, and the stores will sell you anything you want.

WHEN BUYING ON CREDIT, TRADE WITH THE BEST. WRITE OR PHONE AND WE WILL CALL AT YOUR HOME AND ARRANGE ALL DETAILS.



A credit system that appeals to intelligent, economical people. It gives everyone credit on the stores at cash prices.

It is a very simple system, without red tape or embarrassments. There is no time nor money wasted. You call—and you are given this famous Order Check for any amount. Then you go where you like and use it as cash. Free deliveries if you wish, and pay us.....



ORDER CHECK—THE MIRACLE OF MODERN CREDIT.

\$1.00 A Week

A FEW SUGGESTIONS FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS PURCHASABLE WITH OUR ORDER CHECK

Furs, Fur Coats	Ladies' Dresses	Hats and Shoes	Toilet Sets	Umbrellas
Suits	Ladies' Waists	Diamonds	Silverware	Hosiery
Millinery	Ladies' Hosiery	Watches	Glassware	Suits
Pictures	Ladies' Gloves	Manicure Sets	Art Embroideries	Sporting Goods
Tableware	Handkerchiefs	Leather Goods	Laces	Sweaters
Linen	Ladies' Neckwear	Children's Clothing	Bracelets	Smokers' Articles
Vacuum Cleaners	Fur Coats	Pendants	Fine Stationery	Photographs
Ladies' Shoes	Fur Gloves	Signet Rings	Furniture	Carpets and Rugs
Perfumes	Overcoats	Military Sets	Ribbons and Veilings	Underwear
Kimonos	Bath Robes	Towels and Blankets	Infants' Wear	Cameras Books
Negligees	Neckwear	Children's Toys	Cuff Links	Hardware



Store Order Check System

Remember, that in buying through us you are not subjected to embarrassment or loss of dignity. Our methods are acknowledged by all to be on the same high plane as the best retail establishments and our liberal treatment of our patrons is not approached by others.

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Private Offices for Every Customer.

45 MERRIMACK STREET—210 HILDRETH BLDG.—One Flight to the Left. Telephone, 5353

OPEN EVERY EVENING

RECORD RUSH TO BUY CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Never before in its history has Lowell spent so much money for Christmas gifts. The nation-wide prosperity is being daily reflected here. Never before has the procession of shopkeepers been so incessant. Downtown store managers in practically all business vocations for this. The same story holds good in other cities. Some cities are inclined to attribute it to the development of the Christmas fund idea, thrift clubs, etc. But we have no thrift club here. The Middlesex Trust Co. has formed one for next year, but there was none this year. The fact remains, however, that a great many merchants, even in cities as big as Boston, have expressed the belief that Christmas clubs and Christmas clubs, meaning one and the same thing, are in a great measure responsible for the great increase in Christmas shopping this year. The store people welcome it, while the banks realize its value, and all their plans are laid for the 1917 Christmas drive.

The huge volume of business may be attributed to smaller measures, perhaps, to the profit-sharing plans that have been entered into within the year and the liberal advances which nearly every New England public service corporation and factory has lately made to its employees.

However, it may be Mr. General Public's pocket is more richly lined than ever it was, and consequently, so is the dainty purse of Mrs. and Miss Public.

NOTES FROM Y. M. C. A. GYMNASIUM

The local Association Physical Department has had the most successful fall term in years. The fall term classes will close Saturday evening and the winter term classes will start Tuesday, January 2nd. Classes will not meet during Christmas week. Classes and activities have been better attended and greater interest has been shown this season than heretofore.

In the weekly competitive sports for Seniors, F. W. Kelley finished the winning, and will be the recipient of the Gold Medal award on New Year's day. The Silver Medal will go to A. H. Fletcher, and the Bronze Medal to C. McCarthy.

The following nine competitors will be awarded the Association Athletic Emblem: J. F. W. Kelley, 1617 points; A. H. Fletcher, 1517 points; S. C. McCarthy, 1387 points; L. R. Carter, 1332 points; S. J. Hurley, 1160 points; S. E. Touhey, 1157 points; S. D. McKee, 1100 points; S. E. P. Chaput, 1054; S. E. Cochrane, 1010 points.

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compulsion if necessary—WAR COMMITTEES WILL BE TOLD WHAT TO PRODUCE

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YOUNG COUPLE SKATE TO DEATH

ALL VESSELS MUST AID ENTENTE POWERS

INTERPRETATION OF HIST BY PREMIER LLOYD GEORGE—TO SUPPLY ALLIES FIRST

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—A desire of the British government to mobilize under one general head the entire ocean cargo-carrying facilities of the United Kingdom for the exclusive benefit of the allied armies and the great civilian populations of the allied countries, is the reason behind the statement of Premier Lloyd George that the shipping of Great Britain will be "nationalized," according to leading British shipping men here.

For some time, a representative of a steamship man said yesterday, all British vessels have had about one-third of their cargo space commandeered for grain, recently increased so that now the New York agent has only about one-third of his ship available to private skippers.

The same authority expressed the belief that under the proposed new regulations even more space would be controlled by the government by regulations requiring that all cargo be officially designated. Designation of cargo will mean that the shipping in British bottoms of any commodity other than that necessary for maintenance of army and civil life will be forbidden.

It is also deemed likely that British ships now in trade between neutral countries will be called upon to take their place in the line of ships carrying supplies to Great Britain and her allies.

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"The people of England and her allies must be supplied with actual necessities, and the government will see to it, through such control of cargo, that no one class of people will get what all cannot get—thereby reducing to a great extent the cost of living."

No serious consideration appears to be given to the suggestion that British ships will be more heavily armed than the defense guns a stern already approved by the United States in connection with their status as merchantmen.

As one steamship man put it: "In the first place, the construction, majority of the ships will not stand leaven armament, and again, should they be ruled out of the United States ports, they could not go elsewhere on the American continent. Canadian ports have not adequate facilities and it would take years to provide for even half of the present United States business."

FIRST FRENCH TOWN REBUILT BY AMERICANS

VITRIMONT, France, via Paris, Dec. 21.—This village, which like its neighbor, Herbeville, was destroyed early in the war, will have the honor of being the first village reconstructed in France and this is due to American enterprise and generosity.

The rebuilding is already under way, the cornerstone of the first group of houses already having been laid. Sunday the American ambassador, William Gravies Sharp, who had been invited to participate in the ceremony by those interested in this distinctly American undertaking.

Mrs. William H. Chandler of San Francisco, who has furnished the funds for reconstruction, was unable to see the practical realization of her work. She was represented by Miss Daisy Polk of San Francisco, known in the community as "Mademoiselle de Chez Nous," or "Miss One of Us," who is superintending the work. Old men and young adults for military service are being employed on the building operations.

Miss Polk's task is not without difficulties, such as often confront American building contractors; she has had her first strike in the last week, that of masons who sought higher wages, but she succeeded in settling the matter.

American Flag Flown

The cornerstone laying was an event in Vitrumont. Grouped about the rains and the foundation of the first structure were the inhabitants and soldiers on leave of absence. The American flag, with the tricolor of France, was in evidence here and there and despite the gloominess of the destroyed village, there was a festive feeling of joy at its restoration after original plans would soon be seen.

Leopold Poche, mayor of Vitrumont, and M. Mignot of Nancy, prefect of the department of Meurthe et Moselle, spoke, thanking the American people through the ambassador, for their generous initiative toward the rebuilding of the ruined places of France and the aid which the United States had given in so many ways.

Replying, Ambassador Sharp said it had not only given him much pleasure to see such highly useful work begun by his own countrymen for those who had been made homeless by the fortunes of war, but he was greatly interested in the possibilities to which this work, so auspiciously begun, might lead. He hoped earnestly that this beneficial aid might be extended to other villages in the province of Lorraine, upon which like destruction had been visited.

As one steamship man put it: "In the first place, the construction, majority of the ships will not stand leaven armament, and again, should they be ruled out of the United States ports, they could not go elsewhere on the American continent. Canadian ports have not adequate facilities and it would take years to provide for even half of the present United States business."

The ambassador was gratified especially that in addition to providing substantial homes for the people of the village, and the money for the construction of the buildings, would remain among the people who so sorely needed it. In fact, he said, what he saw about him only confirmed him in the belief that for economic reasons, if for no other, the reconstruction of at least the

smaller towns and villages of the invaded territory must be the work of the home people, out of home building material, like that from which the original buildings had been constructed.

In conclusion, he took occasion to compliment those responsible for the work and referred feelingly to the fortitude of the afflicted people under such trying conditions.

The little girls of the village, who excel in the art of embroidery, were presented to the ambassador and they gave him handkerchiefs, examples of their work, as souvenirs.

GERMAN PAPERS NOW DEVOTE ENTIRE ATTENTION TO LLOYD GEORGE'S SPEECH

BERLIN, Dec. 20, via London, Dec. 21.—The Berlin press which commented only fragmentarily on Premier Lloyd George's speech this morning because only excerpts were available, now has the entire text and devotes its entire attention to the subject. The papers as a whole express little surprise at the British premier's attitude, although most of them wonder what he believes that entering into a conference would involve the entente as placing its head in a noose.

Lloyd George's references to restitution and reparation are universally interpreted as an entente demand that Germany surrender all occupied territory and probably pay an indemnity. The Tageblatt says:

"Lloyd George is not willing to negotiate or willing only in case that Germany will submit to England's demands as summarized in his utterances regarding restitution, reparation and guarantee. This makes the chasm between the English and German standpoints so broad that not even the most cheerful optimist can find a way to bridge in Lloyd George's stipulations the acceptance of his conditions before the opening of negotiations shows that he does not wish to negotiate."

The Tageblatt concludes by asking whether all possibilities of peace have vanished and answers its own question

grade 1 male), salary, \$3600 per annum; architectural draftsman (male), salary, \$120 a month; lithographic map engraver (male), salary, \$720 per annum.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMS

The United States civil service commission announces competitive examinations as follows:

Jan. 16.—Specialist in cotton marketing and wire housing (male), salary, \$3600 to \$3600 per annum; assistant biologist (male), salary, \$3000 per annum; supervising mining engineer and metallurgist (male), salary, \$1000 per annum; negative cutter (male), salary, \$3300 per annum.

Jan. 17.—Oil gauger (male), salary, \$1200 per annum; 17-18. Aid, qualified chemist (male), salary, \$600 to \$1200 per annum; veterinarian (male), salary, \$1400 per annum; assistant chemist in forest products (male), salary, \$800 to \$1500 per annum; surveyor (male), salary, \$100 to \$150 per month; mechanical draftsman (male), salary, \$1000 per annum.

Jan. 23.—Senior structural engineer, \$1200 per annum.

BARBERS ELECT OFFICERS

At the last meeting of the members of Local 222, Journeymen Barbers' International union, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, John E. Corrin; vice president, Charles Burns; financial secretary, Martin Hoar; treasurer, E. L. DeShanes; recording secretary, E. A. Deshantes; auditing committee, Ed Corrin and James E. Dougherty; guide, George Paulin; guidance, Henry Savard.

The following labor organizations held routine meetings last evening:

Beamers, Pavers and Ramblers; and

Steam and Operating Engineers.

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BELGIAN REPLY TO NOTE SAYS FEW LUSITANIA MEDALS DISPOSED OF

HAUVE, France, Dec. 20.—Replying to the note of Gen. von Bissing on the deportation of Belgians to Germany, where it is alleged, they have been set at work upon military defenses or at labor that relieves German subjects for service at the front, the Belgian senators and deputies point out, in communication published today, that Gen. von Bissing does not contest the brutality of the deportations and the scenes of despair resulting therefrom. They deny that the idleness of the Belgians is attributable to the isolation of the country by the act of the allies, and recall that England agreed to facilitate a supply of raw material for industries as well as food for the population under diplomatic supervision.

"This was a guarantee," says the Belgian rejoinder, "too natural to be rejected; but it was refused and the project was necessarily abandoned under pressure from German manufacturers who, without doubt, anticipated the success of Belgian competition."

The reply says that if there are idle workers in Belgium it is because the German authorities used every means to deprive them of work and opposed the resumption of industry provided by private and public enterprises.

"Published decrees," the reply adds, "since Dec. 11, 1914, show how great a part of our national industry has been stripped methodically and paralyzed by the seizure and removal of tools, machines, raw material and material for textile products."

After recalling the proclamation of Gen. von Bissing at the outset of his administration in which he promised to restore peace and economic prosperity to the occupied regions, the reply concludes: "History will say what that restoration was and also that the dismantling and depopulation of our occupied provinces for the profit of belligerent Germany has not been accomplished without cries of revolt. The impatience of the deported and their families and the protestations of public conscience have echoed throughout the world."

DECREASE NUMBER OF TRAINS; INCREASE FARES

LONDON, Dec. 20.—With a view to curtailing travel and thus enabling British railways to use more rolling stock for war and food purposes, it has been decided to decrease after the first of the year the number of passenger trains and to increase fares 50 per cent. This will not apply to workmen's tickets or to season tickets for distances not exceeding 40 miles. This decision was announced by the government in the house of commons today.

INCREASED PRICE OF SISAL
NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—American manufacturers of rope and twine have been notified of an increase of three cents a pound in the price of sisal. It was announced here today by the sisal regulating commission, which markets the Mexican crop.

LETTERS TO "SANTA CLAUS"
WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Thousands of letters addressed to "Santa Claus" appearing in the mails this week prompted the postoffice department to-day to remind all postmasters of the rule permitting the delivery of these communications to charitable institutions or reputable persons "who may desire to use them exclusively for philanthropic purposes." When letters bear no postage stamp and charitable organizations decline to pay the postage or when no request is made for the letters, they are to be sent to the dead letter office.

RECORD EXPORTS OF NEWS PRINT PAPER

NO SCARCITY OF RAGS AND OLD PAPER

OFFICERS OF WASTE MATERIAL DEALERS DISCUSS HIGH PRICE OF PAPER

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The present high price of paper is not due to a scarcity of rags and old paper stock, according to officers of the National Association of Waste Material Dealers, who are in quarterly session here. "The phenomenally high prices paid for old rags and old paper," said an officer of the association, "encouraged early in the year the bringing out of vast stores of these goods. We dispose of these materials to the paper manufacturers, but in recent months the latter have assured us repeatedly that they were not in the market. The secret of the matter is that the paper mills are getting all of the waste material they need."

The waste material dealers and distributors are now doing an annual business of \$1,000,000,000, the official stated. Among the subjects to be discussed at today's meeting of the association is the matter of greater uniformity in packing rags and other materials as well as better assorting of other materials.

PRES. WILSON VISITS SENATOR WILLIAMS

"JUST ACT OF GOOD FELLOW" SAID SENATOR WHEN TALKING OF VISIT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—President Wilson went to visit Senator Williams of Mississippi at the latter's home today because he knew the senator had some Mississippi affairs to talk about and understood he was ill.

It turned out that Senator Williams was well enough to go to his office so the president drove him there. Occasions on which a president has gone to visit members of congress are rare.

"It was just the act of a very good fellow," said Senator Williams, "who had heard I was sick and didn't know I was able to get out again. So he came to see me, in his big hearted way, that I might not have to venture out in the weather. It was very fine of the president, I am sure."

LOOKING FOR RELATIVES OF JOHN RYAN

UNDERTAKER WILLIAM H. SAUNDERS IS ENDEAVORING TO GET SOME INFORMATION AS TO THE HOME OR RELATIVES OF JOHN RYAN, WHO DIED AT HIS BOARDING HOUSE IN SECOND STREET, MONDAY NIGHT.

Undertaker William H. Saunders is endeavoring to get some information as to the home or relatives of John Ryan, who died at his boarding house in Second street, Monday night. The people at the boarding house know very little about him, though he had been there off and on for two years. He was quite reticent and was never heard to say anything about home or relatives. He was about 50 years of age, quite tall, and wore a heavy dark mustache. Mr. Saunders heard that the man had a sister living in Lowell or in some of the suburban towns, but he is unable to ascertain anything definite concerning the man and if he has a sister or any other relative living. Mr. Saunders would like to hear from them. The body is at Mr. Saunders' undertaking parlors in Hurd street.

RECORD EXPORTS OF NEWS PRINT PAPER

TOTAL EXPORTS OF PAPER AND PAPER MANUFACTURES WILL REACH \$40,000,000

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Exports of paper and paper manufactures this year will reach \$40,000,000, doubling those of any previous year, according to figures assembled today by the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce. Increasing exports, some publishers charge, has been one factor in increasing prices for news print paper.

News print paper exports this year have reached a total value of \$3,430,000, against \$2,260,000 last year, about half of it going to Latin America.

The largest purchaser was Argentina, which took \$905,000 worth; Cuba was second with \$365,000; Australia third with \$302,000, and the United Kingdom fourth with \$233,000.

HIGH COST OF LIVING

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 20.—To enable United States government auditors to examine the books and records of coal and food dealers and coal-carrying railroads, the federal grand jury today postponed its investigation into the high cost of living until Dec. 27.

Two agents of the Interstate commerce commission who have been investigating the coal shortage here for two weeks were examining the records and accounts of coal carrying railroads today. They will audit the books of the railroads and report their findings to the grand jury when it reconvenes next week.

21 COTTAGES BURGLARIZED

PLYMOUTH, Dec. 20.—A chain of breakers numbering 21 in summer cottages about South and Great South bays was burglarized here today by the discovery of a veritable cache of stolen articles in one of the cottages which evidently had been used by the thieves as headquarters.

COTTON GINNING

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Cotton ginned prior to Dec. 13 amounted to \$10,845,958 running bales, including 183,492 round bales and 110,448 bales of Sea Island, the census bureau today announced.

Last year to Dec. 13 ginnings amounted to 16,303,369 bales, or 23.1 per cent. of the entire crop and in 1914 there were 12,972,229 bales, or 87.8 per cent. of the crop.

EXTENSION OF MORATORIUM

PARIS, Dec. 20.—An extension of the moratorium for three months from January 1, is provided in a decree published today in the Journal Official. The decree is accompanied by a note from the minister of commerce stating that there remains unpaid only \$1,240,000 of a total of 4,489,000,000 francs of paper benefiting from the moratorium which was held by the Bank of France in August of 1914.

ALLIES SEIZE 41,000 BAGS OF GERMAN MAIL

BERLIN, Dec. 20, via wireless to Sayville. "From December, 1915, until the last of September, 1916, the British and French naval authorities seized 24,220 mail bags from Germany and 16,860 bound for Germany," says the Overseas News agency. Of those from Germany, 15,110 bags of mail were bound for the United States and \$622 for South America or Spain. Of the mail bags on the way to Germany 13,857 were from South America or Spain. The remaining bags were in transit between Germany and Dutch ports.

VICE PRESIDENT HOBBS DIFERRED WITH MELLON

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—Counsel for the Intercontinental Rubber Co. of New Jersey, which petitioned the Boston & Maine railroad into receivership, today asked the federal circuit court of appeals to dismiss a petition of minority stockholders of the road which sought disapproval of the district court's action in including the railroad's property in Maine and New Hampshire in the receivership. The appellate court instructed counsel to the briefs, with notice that a hearing on the motion would be set later.

In the federal district court today, the hearing on the question of making permanent or vacating the road's receivership was continued, with William J. Hobbs, vice president of the Boston & Maine on the stand. He differed with Charles S. Mellon, the former president, who testified yesterday, on the amount of money required to maintain the road, saying it would be nearer \$5,600,000 than \$2,000,000. Witness denied that the road kept two sets of books, one showing actual value and another of ledger value.

NATIONALIZATION OF BRITISH SHIPPING

COMMANDS MORE INTEREST HERE THAN ANY OTHER PHASE OF PREMIER'S SPEECH

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Nationalization of British shipping, mentioned briefly by Premier Lloyd George as one of the first acts of the new war ministry, commands more interest here from the strictly American point of view than any other phase of the premier's speech. What effect it would have on American foreign trade and on the status of British ships sunk by German submarines has opened a new and unexpected series of questions which officials regard with much concern. The taking into the national service of the whole mercantile marine following closely on England's announcement that she could not gain ante-coal at any of her coaling bases, the world over, except by ships conserving allied interests is thought by officials at first glance to turn over the great majority of the world's carrying trade to specific war purposes. The effect on commerce for American purposes and not of service to the allies is problematical, especially as to the completeness with which Lloyd George enforces the order. Nevertheless there is in law nothing the United States can do should the whole British merchant marine be withdrawn from American trade and harbors.

It is thought the effect on the submarine situation would be to remove confusion between public vessels not entitled to any guarantees and private vessels entitled to warning and provision for the safety of those on board. Just where the point of distinction would lie is a very complex question.

RECOGNITION OF VENIZELOS

Lloyd George's announcement of the recognition of the agents of Venizelos raises the question of what should be the attitude of this government if Venizelos should become the de facto ruler of an appreciable part of Greece. A similar question has been faced since England took over from Turkey the sovereignty of Egypt, but no decision has been reached. The state department has not been able to credit a new consul general to Cairo because it did not know whether to credit him to Great Britain or to Turkey. Generally, the department has not recognized changes made during the war, preferring to wait for the peace settlement.

\$8,200,000 IN GOLD IMPORTED

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Gold to the amount of \$8,200,000 imported from Canada was deposited in the assay office here today to the account of J. P. Morgan & Co.

U. S. BATTLESHIPS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—American battleships will reach their limit of size when they displace 70,000 tons, the house naval committee was told today by the congressional chiefs of the navy, and only then because no greater ship could pass through the locks of the Panama canal.

Chief Constructor Taylor told the committee the battleships authorized at this session of congress will have a displacement of 42,000 tons in order to carry the main battery of 12 sixteen-inch guns and make a speed of 23 knots. The total cost of each will be \$24,664,450 on present prices.

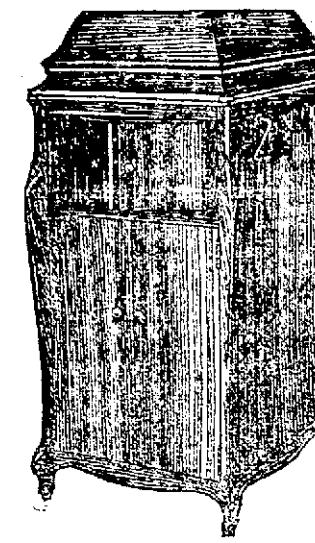
INCREASE DIVERSION OF WATER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Senate's resolution to authorize an increase in the amount of water diverted from the Niagara Falls to increase the electric power output of plants on the American side of the river was passed today by the senate. The measure aims to increase the American power output to make up for the curtailment of power from the Canadian side which is being kept at home for munition plants and other military activities. The resolution was also taken up by the house foreign affairs committee.

PAROLE "TRUSTIES" FOR XMAS

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doe the standing army 50 per cent. Neither he nor Mr. Harding was able to tell the committee how much the system proposed would cost. It was the old organized militia and the National Guard which was turned out for that service. Indications as to the inefficiency of the new National Guard which the army general staff from the report on the border mobilization were sharply challenged by members of the same he knew agreed that every military man he knew expected to be expected in the federalized guard. It was indicated to Maj. Gen. Scott, chief of staff. Several committee men insisted that the general would face a sharp cross-examination tomorrow. It was unfair to attempt to judge the when the hearing is resumed.

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UNITED IRISH LEAGUE TO RESUME ACTIVITY

NEW YORK COUNCIL STATES THE SITUATION—NATION STANDS BY IRISH PARLIAMENTARY PARTY

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—A special meeting of the municipal council of the United Irish League of America was held in the Empire, arcade, last night at which delegates were present from the metropolitan district of New York, Long Island, New Jersey and the Hudson river counties. The hall was crowded and the various speakers cheered enthusiastically.

The meeting resolved that an organized effort should be made through the Irish and American press to give the facts regarding the Irish contribution to the cause of the allies wider publicity, and to inform the American public that Mr. John E. Redmond, the brilliant leader of the Irish parliamentary party enjoys the confidence of nationalist Ireland as completely as ever, and would favor no settlement of the Irish question, except upon the basis of immediate home rule. Figures brought out at the meeting showed that Ireland had contributed 160,000 men to the fighting forces and the registrar general reported that but 160,000 more were available. No other country had sent forward one-half of its military eligibles.

Some of the speakers also noted that the Irish nationalist party had added a new seat to their representation, through the splendid victory in West Cork, where for the first time in years, the true nationalist and supporter of John E. Redmond had been returned to parliament. This was most significant, taken in connection with the further fact that the votes of the Urban district and county councils throughout Ireland were unanimous in favor of supporting and strengthening the parliamentary party.

It is the purpose of the United Irish League of America, through the various councils, to prosecute a vigorous campaign in 1917, to focus and intensify American public opinion towards effecting a speedy settlement of the Irish question unless by some new move of the present British ministry the home rule act shall be put into immediate operation for all Ireland.

Any attempt to array Ireland on the

side of Germany will only place a weapon in the hands of Ireland's enemies with which they can strike at the liberties she has won but which have been suspended by the war.

NEW AUSTRIAN CABINET CONSTRUCTED

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 21, via London.—Count Clem-Martinis to whom was delegated the task of constructing an Austrian cabinet after Alexander Spitzmuller failed in his efforts to do so, is reported in a despatch from Vienna he has presented the following list of ministers:

President, Count Clem-Martinis.
Minister of interior, von Hertel.
Minister of commerce, Dr. Urban.
Minister of labor, von Trnka.
Minister of education, Baron von Hertel.
Minister of agriculture, Count Clem-Martinis.
Minister of national defense, F. von Grolmann.
Minister of finance, Alexander Spitzmuller.
Minister of justice, von Schenk.
Minister of railways, Dr. Z. von Forster.
Minister without portfolio, Dr. Baerenthal.
Governor general of Galicia, Michael Bohrsky.

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THE SPELLBINDER

The closing weeks of the "physical" year, at city hall, are marked by daily meetings and conferences of the municipal council, in an effort to clean up the number of matters that should be settled before the close of the business year. As a result the council will be in session probably daily from now until the end and much business of importance will be transacted within the next week. Aside from the vast amount of business from without, there is considerable from within, and among the latter classification is placed the request for increases in wages and salaries which are being heard from on all sides. Most of these requests for increases, however, will go over until next year, as the appropriations are down quite fine, and as increases are purely matters of appropriation, it would be useless to consider them this year. The reasons set forth for all increases is the high cost of living and the general increases in wages that have been granted by private concerns.

Meanwhile, the heads of the departments at city hall are listening to all kinds of rumors and gossip and are awaiting the new commissioners. One of the new commissioners is credited with having made the statement that he doesn't believe in making a goat of any one head of department, but would like to clean out the building from garret to cellar. The assignment of the new commissioners is also a matter of speculation, despite the popular impression that Brown will have the water department; Warinck, buildings, and possibly finance. That impression comes from the belief that the two new men and Commissioner Morse will enter into a combination at the start of the year.

INAUGURATION DAY
The new administration will take office on Tuesday, Jan. 2, on account of Jan. 1 being a holiday. There has been much speculation as to when the inauguration would take place, inasmuch as the charter in this and other cities calls for inauguration on the first Monday in January, and the first Monday falls on a holiday. Many averred that an inauguration held on a legal holiday would be illegal, but the attorney general has cleared up that matter. Practiced indorse, discussing the subject, has the following to say:

"New Year's day is a legal holiday is already closing some star actions business men and bankers who are preparing to resume their affairs to conform to the closing observance of Jan. 1. One complication which arose was as to the inauguration of city officials in many of the municipalities where the regular provision that their inauguration into office should take place on the first Monday of January. That being New Year's day in 1917, the question was raised as to whether such a session could legally be held on a holiday. After careful deliberation it was decided to have the inauguration very properly held on Jan. 1 as long as the various charters fix the day of the week."

Street Work Goes On
A few days ago Commissioner Morse finished the London sewer in the Dummer street extension and transferred his new latrine compressor to Appleton street where a street sewer will engage his attention for the remainder of the winter. It took about eight weeks to complete the sewer in the Dummer street extension as much blasting was necessary, one hard coating, the other to be, as the result of a new rock which found its way into a hardware shop in Market street. The community has been subjected to some criticism for continuing his work after the frost was set in, as it is claimed that it costs much more to excavate with the frost as at any time as it is blustery and cold.

At the beginning of the year the sum of \$30,000 was appropriated for the paving of certain streets as follows: Lower Dutton to Fletcher street; Fletcher street—Button to Wetherhill, inclusive; Branch street—Smith street to end of block paving mostly; East Merrimack—High to Nemah, Church street to Charles, inclusive.

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playground that will answer all purposes of the district may be secured at much less cost, thereby leaving money with which to fit it up and purchase other playgrounds in other sections of the city where they are needed. "Donnelly park" is filling a long felt want for the residents of ward 4 at a cost of less than \$7000. Half a dozen such parks could be purchased for the sum asked by the proponents of the Fair grounds petition. The tendency at present is to meet public demands by having many inexpensive parks instead of a few expensive ones.

THE SPELLBINDER.

the manufacture of airplanes. It was announced here today. The royalty demand has caused considerable confusion in the industry and, according to aeronautical experts, seriously threatens the advancement of aviation in this country.

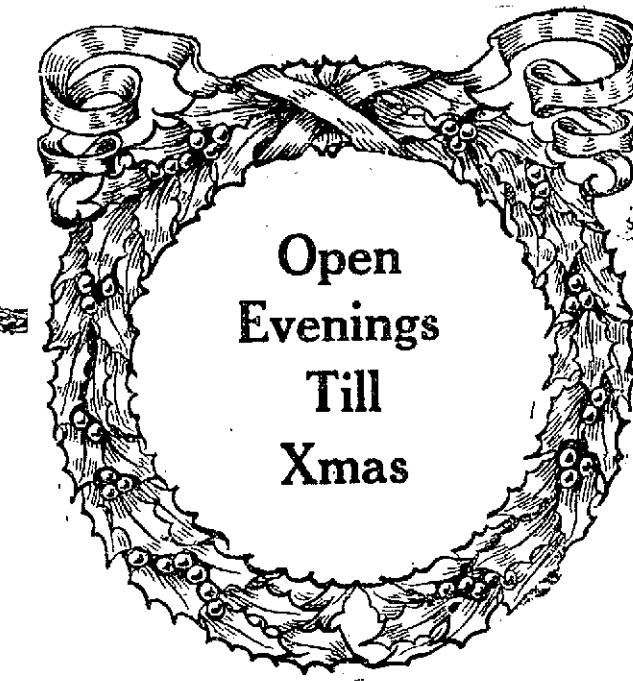
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Cuff links, stick pins, at Ricard's.

LOWELL, THURSDAY, DEC. 21, 1916.

A. G. POLLARD CO.

Lowell's Biggest and Best Christmas Store



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Till
Xmas

These next three days should be the largest in our store's history. Our splendid stocks selected with the greatest care present a larger variety and more money's worth at today's prices than we've ever offered before. More salespeople to serve you and a delivery system that's capable of handling thrice the amount of bundles of former years.

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THE BOOK STORE offers many clever and acceptable solutions of the gift problem. For young, for old, a book gift always satisfies. Palmer Street, Centre Aisle.

110 Dozen White Aprons

Closed Out From the Makers. Ready Today. Special Values.

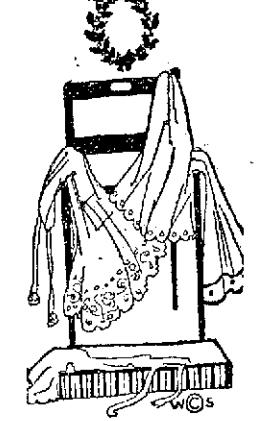
Samples and aprons with the slightest of imperfections are in these lots.

LOT ONE 19c EACH—White Aprons, Tea, Bands and Bib Aprons, all 25c grade.

LOT TWO 39c EACH—Fine Lawn Aprons, in a great variety of styles, in tea, bib, band and waitresses' aprons, lace and hemming trimmed; 50c grade.

LOT THREE 50c EACH—Dainty Round and Square Aprons, lace and embroidery trimmed, new patterns, in tea, hand and bib styles; all of the 75c quality.

Palmer Street



Basement

Practical Gifts of Footwear

IN OUR UNDERPRICE SHOE DEPT.

Boys' High Cut Storm Shoes, with buckles at top, all solid leather, made by J. P. S. Co.

\$2.49

Sizes 1 to 3.....\$2.75

Boys' High Cut Storm King Rubber Boots.

\$2.49

Sizes 1 to 2.....\$2.98

Small Boys' High Cut Storm King Rubber Boots, of red rubber, very new this season.

\$1.75

Sizes 7 to 11.....\$1.75

260 Pairs of Women's Warm Lined Shoes, with good leather soles, plain toe, all sizes, 3 to 8; regular price \$2.00. Sale price.....\$1.25

Women's Rubbers, all styles; regular price 50c. Sale price.....\$30c

Men's Rubbers, all styles; regular price 50c. Sale price.....\$60c

Boys' Rubbers, all styles; regular price 60c. Sale price.....\$40c

Boys' Rubbers, rolled edge; regular price 75c. Sale price.....\$50c

Palmer Street

Misses' and Children's Red Fur Trimmed Slippers.

Sizes 8 1/2 to 11. Sale price.....\$50c

Sizes 11 1/2 to 2. Sale price.....\$60c

Children's Red Rubber Boots, knee high; a good quality boot.

Sizes 7 to 11.....\$1.35

Sizes 12 to 2.....\$1.75

Men's Slippers, in a variety of styles and leathers, at prices from\$40c to \$1.49

Men's Black or Gray Felt Slippers, with felt soles, with design on vamp. Sizes 6 to 11. Sale price.....\$50c

Men's 4-Buckle Overshoes, heavy or light weight, all sizes. Sale price.....\$1.98

Women's Slippers, in a variety of styles and colors; our assortment this year is larger than ever; all sizes in lot. Former price \$1.25. Sale price.....\$98c

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AIRPLANE COMPANIES TO DEMAND ROYALTIES

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The Musical Superiority of the



combined with the scientific perfection of the Ampico has given the world an instrument of marvelous beauty.

GODOWSKY, Hofmann, Buhlig, Carreras, Ornstein, and many other eminent pianists have recorded their interpretations for the Ampico to the end that the Chickering-Ampico may play for you, in your own home, the extra reproduction of their renditions. The Ampico library of music is wide in its scope, covering every class of music—classic, operatic, ballad, dance and popular-song music, at moderate prices.

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OPP. KIRK ST.

LITTLE ADS FOR THRIFTY PEOPLE

WANT AND OPPORTUNITY ADLETS

MONEY SAVING HINTS FOR YOU

ACCOUNTS

CLOTHES REELS

EVERETT E. TARBOX, corporation and municipal accountant. Audits, Systems, Costs, 40 Central st., Boston, Mass.

APOTHECARIES

IT IS BETTER to get rid of a cold than let it carry you "out." Use Osgood's Kilo, 2nd floor, Upper Merrimack, etc. Sunfoot st.

BAKERS

BRAN HEALTH BREAD—For dyspepsia and all stomach troubles. Wholesome. Johnstone's Bakery, 131 Gorham st.

BOOTS AND SHOES

BIGGEST SHOE BARGAINS in Lowell. Something every day. See us. John Press, 333 Middlesex st.

CABINET MAKERS

FINE CABINET WORK, store and office fittings and furniture. John Shaw, 351 Dutton st. Phone 2488.

CATERERS

SUPERIOR SERVICE for receptions, weddings, banquets and parties. Restaurant. R. J. Harvey, 42 John st. Phone.

CHINESE RESTAURANT

CHIN LEE CO.—Chop suey, American food. Nicest place in the city. Open from 11 a. m. to 1 a. m. 66 Merrimack st.

CLAIRVOYANT

MADAM ADELLA, clairvoyant and card reader, 42 Branch st.

STANDING IN THE CITY BOWLING LEAGUE

The Croceants have dropped from first to fourth place in the City league standing, the Kimball System team going into first position as a result of its clean sweep this week. The Newton Mfg. Co. and White Ways also made great gains. Martel holds the best individual average.

Won Lost Pts. Pts.

Kimball System	23	14	38	215
Newton Mfg. Co.	22	16	36	208
White Ways	21	18	34	184.5
Croceants	21	17	35	184.5
Newton	20	23	37	17.300
Highland Daylight	17	31	31	17.422
Carls	16	22	37	17.400
Boys	19	38	36	17.000

Individual Averages

Martel, 192.1; Hall, 166.1; Deering, 166.2; McQuaid, 166.2; Kelley, 193.2; McCormick, 165.1; Jodoin, 164.5; Mitchell, 162.2; Conneen, 162.14; Bernadini, 162.9; Griffin, 162.7; Brune, 161.2; Sweeney, 161.1; Johnson, 161.1; McLean, 161.1; Johnson, 161.1; McLean, 161.1; Whipple, 160.2; Whalen, 160.2; Kilbalt, 160.1; Lynch, 160.1; Deoddy, 160.7; O'Brien, 160.1; Flinders, 160.1; Peirce, 160.1; Burns, 160.1; Moulton, 160.1; Lyness, 160.1; Lane, 160.1; McNeil, 160.1; Pantone, 160.1; Murphy, 160.1; Morgan, 160.1; McLaughlin, 160.2; Neenan, 160.1; Charrette, 160.2.

Smoking sets—At Ricardo's.

WITH THE PADDED MITTS

Jimmy Mahan, who brought out a great many local boxers, including the Goye brothers, Young Sims and Young Walsh, has another boy whom he will soon introduce to theistic fans. Mahan's latest "find" is Al Roy, a 150-pounder, who he says is coming along in his style, and right now is ready to step in and give a good account of himself. He has appeared in a few preliminary bouts, and expects to soon be able to jump out of that class and hop into a semi-final. For the present, however, he will be satisfied to show in a curtain raiser. Mahan is negotiating with several New England clubs in an effort to have them use his place.

Large and small crucifixes, Ricardo's

160 Franklin st.

The Sun goes into nearly every home in Lowell and vicinity. Merchants know that Sun readers respond to their advertisements.

ESTABLISHED 1878

THE LOWELL SUN

LOWELL MASS. THURSDAY DECEMBER 21 1916

The Sun prints the news of the world when it is news and only such news as is fit to print. It is a clean family newspaper.

PRICE ONE CENT

FOOD PRICES NOW LOWER THAN AT THANKSGIVING

According to present market conditions the Christmas dinner will be a little cheaper than on Thanksgiving day, for it is reported that a slight drop has been effected in the prices of turkeys, chickens, geese and ducks, as well as in the cost of vegetables and all other good things which go to make up a real good dinner.

Nuts and candies have been increased in prices to such an extent that the dealers are not selling as much as usual. The Christmas candy which sold for 10 cents a pound last year has been increased to 15 cents, while the fancy ribbon candy in boxes of two pounds has been increased from 22 cents a box to 35 cents. Roast pork is keeping within its former

limits.

Hear banjo wizards. First appearance.

Meerschaum Pipes—at Ricard's.

IN BOSTON

The Sun is on sale every day at hotel news stands of the Union station in Boston. Don't forget this when taking your train for Lowell.



An Electric Chafing Dish

For winter evenings after the theatre or dance, an Electric Chafing Dish is just the thing. Quickly and sociably you can concoct innumerable, palatable delicacies as well as staple dishes, and enjoy a cozy time in the privacy of your home.

A Useful Gift for the College Girl

An Electric Chafing Dish will enable the girl at college to add a bit of "homey" atmosphere to her school life. A Chafing Dish supper in the "hall" or "dorm" is a delightful way for her to entertain her girl chums.

We invite your personal inspection of our attractive assortment of Electrical merchandise.

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30 JOHN STREET

Turkeys, Ducks, Geese, Chickens and Fowl

We invite our customers and the public to call and see our stock. The very best Vermont and Rhode Island stock. No cold storage or held-over goods.

Order your birds early, and get the pick of the flock.

Everything in the line of Fruits, Vegetables and Nuts, and all the fixings for your Christmas Dinner. Do not spoil your Christmas Dinner by buying a poor turkey, because it is a little cheaper.

Call and satisfy yourself.

John St. Public Market
J. P. CURLEY, PROP.

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AT LOWEST POSSIBLE RATES

ON YOUR PLAIN NOTE—EASY PAYMENTS

FIRST PAYMENT AFTER CHRISTMAS

EQUITABLE LOAN CO.

OFFICES, 202 HILDRETH BUILDING, 45 MERRIMACK STREET

UP 1 FLIGHT—AT HEAD OF STAIRS

OPEN EVENINGS TEL. 1888

LIC. 144

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Rain or snow tonight;
Friday fair, with falling
temperature

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LOWELL MASS. THURSDAY DECEMBER 21 1916

14 PAGES 1 CENT

U.S. Drawing Nearer Verge of War

TREMENDOUS LIQUIDATING MOVEMENT IN STOCK MARKET TODAY

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—President Wilson's communication to the warring powers and the subsequent comment upon it by Secretary Lansing were made the occasion of another tremendous liquidating movement in the stock market today, which far exceeded in scope and activity any session of the past ten days.

Special stocks, notably those regarded as war issues, broke 4 to 13 points

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The latter break was marked for the first time since the recent period of liquidation began by heavy weakness in rails. Despite the declaration of an extra 2 per cent dividend by Union Pacific, that stock showed an extreme loss of 5 1/2 points and Reading and other leaders in the railway division also fell abruptly.

U. S. Steel was the centre during the trading of the forenoon of convulsive movements. In one lot at the opening 16,000 shares were quoted at 101 1/4 to 105 1/4, an extreme loss of 3 1/2 points.

This was the largest single transaction in the history of the exchange. During the noon break Steel dropped to 102 1/2.

Total sales of all stocks during the first two hours reached 1,300,000 shares.

The trading, with its quick nervous rallies and declines, caused many brokers to discourage the buying of the more volatile specialties except for cash and others refused to accept less than 50 per cent margin, even for standard shares.

The president's note virtually occupied exclusive attention in high financial quarters.

Stock sales up to 1 o'clock approximated 2,000,000 shares, indicating that the fall day's trading probably would exceed all records. Of this amount U. S. Steel alone contributed 573,000 shares.

The close was strong of the morning, level of the day, off to 2 1/2 advance as compared with yesterday's latest figures. May finished at 1,634 to 1,634 and July at 1,354 to 1,354.

BONUS OF ONE MONTH'S PAY TO EMPLOYES

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—A bonus of one month's salary to all employees whose salaries do not exceed \$1500 a year, without discrimination as to membership in the railroad brotherhoods of trainmen, was voted today by the directors of the Union Pacific railroad. The directors also adopted a plan for insurance for its employees with salaries under \$1000.

An extra dividend of 2 per cent on the common stock also was declared.

GARRISONIA

Christmas Dinner

From 12 to 8:30 P. M.

ORCHESTRA AND VOCAL

"Way up in Vermont in the Green Mountains there's a place called Turkeyville, or something like that, where the trains never stop unless you flag them. Outside of that it's all right. That's where the Turkeys are raised we're going to serve on Christmas. They take these turkeys when they are young, and raise 'em on hand, feed 'em on milk and waffles and choice grain, and whipped cream and other delicacies, and never let them exercise to get tough, but ride 'em round in harnesses so when they grow up they are plump and tender and have a flavor like nothing else on this earth. Then we take 'em, stuff them full of chestnuts and oysters, and roast them golden brown with a slice of pork on their wishbone, and when we serve them Christmas you'll go to it like you were a boy again back home with the old folks; and presently you'll push back and grin like a cheese and look round and say, 'Gosh, that was some feed.' And you'll speak the truth. But listen, if you want to be in on it you'd better say so right now! One dollar and twenty-five cents a plate and worth the money."

But you see at heart the river DESIRES to go straight and always TRIES to do so—as the result of immutable laws—it finally reaches the ocean—that which it set out to reach.

Thus we see intent and accomplishment are coupled up by even little streams in their transition to mighty rivers. A store that is awake to the needs of its trade and is trying all the time to reach the source of its supplies—hearts of the people—will be found like the river to grow stronger and to finally reach its destination.

It has been said of us that we have long since reached the ocean of confidence.

May we extend to you who read this column our invitation to visit us and make of all we have gathered in our experience of more than two score years.

HALIFOUX'S ON THE SQUARE

SOME WONDERFUL FACTS ABOUT RIVERS

A river runs singing because it meets with so much resistance. Even as a tiny trickle of water, condensed vapor, or a little stream, it is swerved by pebbles or grass, blades of grass, the way and that. Later it is a mile wide and so on, it courses along a mighty river, nothing but walls of granite can alter its channel.

Reports are in circulation in the cotton market that a prominent German steamship line was planning to resume service as early as Feb. 1, and buyers had the further encouragement of higher Liverpool cables and an advance in one penny reported for Egyptian cotton.

Even walls, which have been generally strong in the midst of the recent liquidation, gave way in the first rush

of selling today. Reading setting off over a point, and Union Pacific 1 5/8.

Although the market continued feverish, sales were registered in the first half hour of from 2 to 7 points.

Heavy realizing followed the publication of Secretary Lansing's statement, sympathetically aided by the break in the stock market. The declines were sensational, with March contracts selling off rapidly to \$50 during the afternoon, or \$5.00 a hub below the high point of the morning.

The market was very nervous.

Decline in Wheat

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—A maximum decline of 7 cents was registered in the wheat market at the opening today on President Wilson's peace note.

Wheat for May delivery closed yesterday at \$1.61 1/2 to \$1.52. It opened today with sales ranging from \$1.55 to \$1.75. July at \$1.50 to \$1.31 opened 4 3/8 to 5 1/4 lower. Pit brokers were loaded with selling orders and a huge business was done.

The upswing that followed the initial descent of the market assumed more and more impetus when traders had gained time to breathe freely. Signs were noted that some of the buying of future deliveries was on European account and that exporters were among the active bidders for cash wheat. At this stage the market had climbed more than 40 up from the bottom level touched at the outset.

Renewed weakness in wheat prices was a speedy consequence of a statement by Secretary Lansing that the situation for neutrals was becoming increasingly critical and that the United States itself was being drawn near the verge of war. Selling broadened anew on account of the statement and there was a set-back of 15c or more from the crest of the bulge, May wheat falling to 1.57 1/2.

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SEC. LANSING EXPLAINS PRES. WILSON'S APPEAL TO BELLIGERENTS

"Drawing Nearer Verge of War Ourselves, and Therefore We are Entitled to Know Exactly What Each Belligerent Seeks in Order That We May Regulate Our Conduct," Says Lansing—President Appeals to Warring Nations to Talk Peace

NOTES URGING PEACE TO ALL WARRING NATIONS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—In formal notes to all the belligerents, President Wilson, without proposing peace or offering mediation, has appealed to them to discuss terms which may end the war.

The president's notes had been circulating 18 hours on their way today and officials believed they had reached all the foreign capitals, although an official Washington is listening with the keenest expectations to any indications of how the notes will be received, diplomats think it is incredible that President Wilson should have taken his action without some belief that it would not be flatly rejected without consideration by the entire alliance.

Expect Germany to Accept

The wish and hope of the German allies that he take some such step had long been well known and there is no doubt of the manner of its reception among them.

Officials and diplomats here, analyzing the president's note find something deeper than an appeal for consideration of peace terms. They see that the president in acting, was also considering what would have to be done by the United States to

the course of the United States to

keep the president's note from being rejected.

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Sec. Lansing's Statement

Secretary Lansing's statement upon which the White House refused to comment, was as follows:

"The reasons for the sending of the note were as follows:

"It is not our material interest we had in mind when the note was sent but more and more our own rights are becoming involved by the belligerents on both sides, so that the situation is becoming increasingly critical.

"I mean by that, that we are drawn

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WILSON AND LANSING CONFER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21, 11:52 a. m.—The suggestion of the United States for an exchange of views among the belligerents has been received at the foreign office and is now under consideration, pending which no statement will be made.

VON BERNSTORFF CALLED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21—Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, conferred with Secretary Lansing to day and it was understood the secretary explained President Wilson's action in addressing the belligerents.

WILSON AND LANSING CONFER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Shortly after 2 o'clock this afternoon, President Wilson sent for Secretary Lansing and the head of the state department went to the White House for a conference.

When he left the White House, Secretary Lansing said he might have a statement later in the day. Such a statement, it is believed, will explain and amplify his earlier statement and convey an official interpretation of his remarks.

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**RECORAN WAS RECORD FOR
CHICKENS**

Just because four choice chickens which had been tied up in a bag and placed in a barrel ready to be taken when the way was clear fluttered their wings and cackled, Thomas Corcoran, who for many years had had a strong

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**DEPARTMENT STORES
WILL KEEP OPEN**

All the local department stores will keep open this evening, tomorrow evening and Saturday evening in order to give the late comers an opportunity to purchase their Christmas presents.

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HOVEY'S BANJO-MANDOLIN. Get one.

MILLS WILL CLOSE

The local cotton mills, machine shops, shoe shops, and other manufacturing plants as well as the plants of the U. S. Cartridge Co. and the department stores, will close all day and every man on the eligible list of substitutes was notified to report for duty.

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APPPOINTED TRIAL JUSTICE

Forest M. Adams of Natick has been appointed a trial justice of Middlesex County by Governor McCall.

XMAS GIFTS

**VELVET FOR YOUR FATHER,
BROTHER AND SISTER**

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INTERESTING REPORTS BY
LOCAL TEACHERS

The current issue of "Common Ground," published by the Massachusetts Teachers' Federation and circulated among teachers of the state, has reports of annual interest written by local teachers. Over 6000 copies of this magazine are circulated in this state. It has a great deal to do in shaping opinion among those in whose interest it is published.

The president's report is by Henry H. Harris of this city. It is a clear and convincing article in which a great deal of excellent matter is condensed into a small space. Mr. Harris has following to say of membership in the federation:

"Membership in such an organization as this Massachusetts Teachers' Federation is a privilege. It should not be necessary to urge it upon one. It should not go begging; it should be eagerly sought by all teachers who have their hearts in their work, and who can say with William MacAndrew, 'I am glad I am alive.' The teacher who has caught the spirit of the time is putting her soul into service, and out of such service she is getting great satisfaction. Prof. Henry Suzallo well says:

"Pension, tenure, and pay are vital questions, but they cannot and should not be made the prime basis of teachers' associations. To do so is to focus our professional vigor on personal return rather than on impersonal service. The prime end of teachers' organizations should be to make more efficient our social servanthood."

Miss Devine's Report

Mary F. Devine, chairman of the committee on the metric system, has a practical report in which her views are put plainly and strongly. She says, in part:

"The committee on metric system believes that generations of effort by earnest advocates have not served to advance the cause of the metric system in the United States and in some other countries as have the world-wide conditions of the last two years. A

DO YOU SUFFER

FROM BACKACHE?

When your kidneys are weak and torpid they do not properly perform their functions; your back aches and you do not feel like doing much of anything. You are likely to be dependent and to borrow trouble, just as if you hadn't enough already. Don't be a victim any longer.

The old reliable medicine, Hood's Sarsaparilla, gives strength and tone to the kidneys and builds up the whole system. Get it today.

Perfume Economy

Good lasting flower extracts by the ounce in plain cork stoppered bottles at 25c an ounce. We make and you save. Middleman's profits and cost of fancy packages.

Ten odors from which to choose.

HOWARD The Druggist,
197 Central St.

WE OPEN MORNINGS
THIS WEEK AT 9
O'CLOCK

The Bon Marché
DRY GOODS CO.

OPEN EVERY EVENING
FOR THE REST OF
THE WEEK

We Are Prepared for the Final Rush

With larger stocks, more variety and better merchandise than ever before. Hundreds of cheerful, courteous salespeople and a very efficient delivery system.

YOU WILL FIND IT MUCH EASIER SHOPPING FORENOONS

But you may rest assured we will do our best to please you at your own convenience. Better purchase the Sensible, Serviceable, Reliable Gifts; the kind of goods we sell the year round.

Come Where Both Price and Merchandise Are Correct

Survey of factory methods that has recently been made by the bureau of standards of the department of commerce shows that American factories two years ago knew only inches and feet were turning out shells, rifles, guns and other war materials for France, Italy, and other metric countries entirely in metric dimensions. Scores of railway locomotives are being manufactured by American plants in meters and millimeters, and in entire factories and sections of factories not a single gauge, scale, or other measure device can be found bearing the complicated Anglo-American measures of length.

Miss Lee's Suggestions

Alice T. Lee of the committee on free textbooks law makes several sensible suggestions, including the following: "It was voted by your committee to go on record as opposed to the state printing of textbooks.

The method of selecting text-books was considered, and it was the opinion of your committee that the superintendents of schools, with a committee from the masters and principals of schools and the grade teachers in whose grades the books are to be used, should make the selection.

"State uniformity of textbooks was also considered, and it was voted to

go on record as opposed to state uniformity."

Mr. John E. Barr and Miss Adelaide Baker of Lowell are members of the editorial committee of "Common Ground."

Her engagement ring is at Ricard's.

AMUSEMENT NOTES

LOWELL OPERA HOUSE

The press agent for the Opera House

is the most brilliant hit recorded

in Lowell's theatricals in a good many

seasons. "Everyman's Castle,"

the most delightful day

of the season, is a

success.

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POPULATION OF U. S. SHIFTS TO CITIES

ACTIVITY ON THE TRENTINO FRONT YESTERDAY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The population of the United States continues to shift to the cities, according to estimates announced today by the census bureau. The estimates, based on the rate of population increase from 1900 to 1910, disclosed that 49.9 per cent. of the country's inhabitants now live in cities of more than 5000, as against 38.3 per cent. in 1890. The entire population of continental United States for 1910 has already been estimated at 102,017,312. The total in the states, territories and United States possessions is put at 112,441,620.

Ten states have taken censuses since the federal census in 1910, and seven show population increases. Kansas, South Dakota and Wyoming decreased. The smallest increase was in Iowa, with a growth of but 6 per cent. The greatest increase was 22.3 per cent. in Florida.

Other states in which an increase was shown were Massachusetts, North Dakota, New Jersey, New York and Rhode Island.

In the past six years the growth in the white population was 10,000,000 and of the negro population about three-fourths of a million.

The populations of some leading cities as estimated today are:

New York, 5,602,811; Chicago, 2,497,722; Philadelphia, 1,709,518; St. Louis, 757,399; Boston, 756,476; Cleveland, 674,072; Baltimore, 589,621; Pittsburgh, 579,090; Detroit, 571,784; Los Angeles, 503,812; Buffalo, 488,558; Cincinnati, 465,516; Milwaukee, 436,535; Chicago, 419,476; Newark, 408,994; New Orleans, 371,747; Washington, 353,830; Minneapolis, 353,454; Seattle, 245,629; Jersey City, 308,445; Kansas City, 297,847; Portland, Ore., 271,492; Indianapolis, 256,411; Providence, 254,960; St. Paul, 247,232; Louisville, 235,910; Columbus, 234,878; Oakland, 191,604; Toledo, 191,181; Atlanta, 190,554; Birmingham, 183,762; Omaha, 165,474; Worcester, 162,314; Richmond, 156,687.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

ROME, Dec. 21, via London—"Yesterday the artillery and aircraft were more active along the whole front, the weather being fine," says today's announcement from the war office: "On the Trentino front there were artillery bombardments of particular violence in the Ante valley and on the Asiago plateau. Enemy aircraft attempted raids over our lines but in all cases were driven off by the fire of anti-aircraft batteries.

"On the Julian front, the enemy's artillery was more active in the Flava sector, on the middle Isonzo, east of Vertovizza, and against Gorizia and Montaleone. Our batteries replied effectively and obtained direct hits on the enemy's batteries at Comeno."

NOMINATED BY PRES. WILSON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Commander Ralph Earle was today nominated by President Wilson to succeed Rear Admiral Strange as chief of the bureau of ordnance of the navy department with the rank of rear admiral.

Illustration: A Christmas Sale that rings true with Economy.

TURKEYS, 25c to 40c lb.

(All Fresh Killed Selected Birds)

Rhode Island Ducks

25c to 30c lb.

New Mixed Nuts... 2 lbs. 25c
Large Florida Oranges, doz. 29c
Large California Oranges, doz. 49c
Calarab Figs (pkgs.) 25c
Stuffed Dates (Imp.) jar 25c
Fresh Persian Dates, lb. 15c

LEGS OF FALL LAMB 18c lb.
Small Whole Hams, lb. 20c
Boneless Lean Beef (for mince meat), lb. 15c
English Mutton Chops, lb. 20c
Fricassee of Chicken, lb. 25c
Fresh Small Pork, lb. 19c
Fresh Shoulders, lb. 16c, 18c
Maleberry Coffee, lb. 29c

FISH FOR FRIDAY

Fancy Halibut 21c lb.
Large Mackerel 15c lb.
Fresh Eels 19c lb.
Small Shore Haddock, 8c lb.
Choice Fresh Herring, 6c lb.
Fresh Boiled Shrimps.
Boston Blue Fish 12 1/2c lb.
Sliced Tile Fish 15c lb.
Sliced Sword Fish 25c lb.
Fresh Opened Oysters, 45c qt.
Fresh Shneked Clams, 30c qt.
Smoked Salmon 35c lb.
Smoked Halibut 30c lb.
Salt Fish of All Kinds.

CHICKENS, 25c to 35c lb.

(Fresh Killed From Nearby Farms)

FOWLS 22c, 28c lb.
GEESE 25c, 28c lb.

Xmas Ribbon Candy, 2 lbs. 33c
Xmas Candy (in boxes), box 35c
Fresh Pressed Cider, gal. 25c
Black Eagle Cluster Raisins, box 23c
Large Howe Cranberries, qt. 10c
Fancy Assorted Cookies, lb. 25c

Squire's Pork Sausage 19c lb

Smoked Shoulders, lb. 16c
Sliced Sugar Cured Bacon, lb. 25c, 28c, 30c
Sirloin Roasts, lb. 22c
Sirloin Steaks, lb. 25c, 35c
Home-made Scotch Ham, lb. 35c
Cooked Roast Pork, lb. 55c
Formosa Oolong Tea, lb. 35c

GROCERIES

Bell's Seasoning 8c
Candied Citron 19c lb.
Candied Orange 16c lb.
Candied Lemon 16c lb.
Not-a-Seed Raisins 15c
Jello (all flavors) 3 for 25c
Heinz Plum Pudding, 15c, 30c
Heinz Fig Pudding, 15c, 30c
None Such Mincemeat 9c
Fruit Cake 12c
Delmar Peaches 15c Can
Hawaiian Pineapple 20c
California Raisins 12 1/2c lb.

FRUIT DEPT.

Sweet Florida Oranges 29c doz.
Sunkist Lemons 20c doz.
Bananas 20c doz.
Large Grapefruit 6 for 25c
Fancy Apples 35c doz.
Baldwin Apples 40c pk.
Malaga Grapes 20c lb.
Calarab Figs 25c pkg.
Cranberries 10c qt.

VEGETABLE DEPT.

Celery 15c bunch
Cukes 12 1/2 and 15c Each
Heavy Lettuce 8c Each
Brussel Sprouts 18c box
Sweet Peppers 30c box
Oyster Plant 15c bunch
Summer Squash 10c qt.
White Turnips 3 lbs. 10c
Sweet Potatoes 4 lbs. 25c
Cauliflower 10c lb.
Mixed Nuts 20c lb.

BUTTER DEPT.

Finest Elgin Butter 40c lb.
Old English Cheese 40c lb.
Russian Caviar 50c
Liderkraut Cheese 17c
D'Isagny Type Cheese 15c
Candied Cherries 49c lb.
Cranberry Sauce 20c qt.
Ripe Olives 23c Each
Aunt Jane's Mincemeat 25c lb.
Mixed Cookies 2 lbs. for 25c
Heinz Mincemeat 20c and 35c

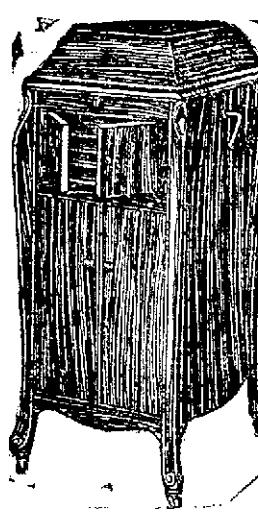
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BELIEVED VILLA HAS ENTERED TORREON

ENORMOUS INCREASES IN IMPORTS AND EXPORTS

GAIN OF FOUR MILLION DOLLARS IN IMPORTS AND SIX MILLION IN EXPORTS IN NEWFOUNDLAND

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 21.—An official report from Eagle Pass, Tex., today was to the effect that British Consul O'Leary had parted from Torreon with two trains carrying all the Americans and other foreigners. The report says they left Torreon for the south hoping to reach Zacatecas, thence to make their way to San Luis Potosi and to the border through Monterey.

Before communication was cut south of Piedras Negras, messages Consul O'Leary stated he had been successful, on instructions from Washington, in persuading all the foreigners, Americans, Germans and English to leave.

It is believed at the border that Villa has by this time entered Torreon. Gomez Palacio and Lerdo were expected to capitulate to him today. American officials had no communication beyond Paredon. Great concern is felt for the 500 Chinese in the Torreon district. It was impossible to move the Chinese and it is feared there will be a repetition of the massacre of four years ago at Torreon when hundreds of Chinese were shot down.

Those closely in touch with the situation, basing their belief upon the last wire messages to arrive, say it is possible Villa will gather a large army in the Laguna district.

PRES. WILSON'S PEACE NOTE ENDORSED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—A resolution strongly endorsing President Wilson's peace note, introduced in the senate today by Senator Hitchcock, was sent to the foreign relations committee on objection by Senator Borah that the senate had not had sufficient opportunity to consider the note.

MURDER INDICTMENTS

SPRINGFIELD, Dec. 21.—Indictments for murder were returned yesterday, charging Francis Ducharme with killing Ellen Kaezer, aged 3, and hitting the body under about 1000 pounds (about 1900 pounds) of pressure, upon the railroad station at Chicopee, and charging Richard Ladah and Hassan Durpast with shooting and killing Mahomed Faris Hazardin and Sardus Dabulah in a riot at the North End.

R. L. AUDITOR DEAD

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 21.—Charles C. Gray, state auditor and insurance commissioner, died here today. He was born in Little Compton, R. I., Dec. 27, 1841, and was a veteran of the Civil war.

LITTER SUMMONING GENERAL NIVELLE SIGNER BY GENERAL JOFFRE

PARIS, Dec. 21.—The official letter summoning Gen. Nivelle to the com-

mand of the armies of the north and northeast was signed by Gen. Joffre as commander in chief of all the French armies. Gen. Castelnau, Gen. Joffre's chief of staff having reached the age of 70, has been retained on the active list of a special decree signed by President Poincaré which is preliminary to his appointment to the command of an army group.

Brig. Gen. Ferdinand Auguste Pont, whom Gen. Nivelle has chosen as his chief of staff, has been promoted to general of division for the duration of the war. General Pont, like his chief, is an artillery officer, and was a junior lieutenant colonel on the staff of one of the armies at the beginning of the war. His brilliant military talents soon brought him to the notice of Gen. Joffre, who signalled him out for rapid promotion.

MRS. FRENCH'S WILL UPHELD

DETROIT, Dec. 21.—The will of Mrs. Elizabeth Miller French of Brooklyn, contested before a jury here by her 80-year-old cousin, Mrs. Florence L. Bacon of Winchester, was sustained yesterday. The jury was out 10 minutes.

The jury found that Mrs. French was of sound mind when she made her will, and that there was no undue influence by John M. Ward, a friend who received \$6000, or Dr. Marian Nute, who received a similar amount. The case was on trial for several days before Judge McLaughlin.

Mrs. Bacon, the contestant, received nothing from Mrs. French's will, while \$55,000 was given to charity.

SHIP CUT IN TWO BY FRENCH CRUISER

AN ITALIAN STEAMER CARRYING SOLDIERS HOME SUNK IN COLLISION

PARIS, Dec. 21.—The sinking of an Italian steamship in a collision with the French armored cruiser Ernest Renan is reported in a despatch from Marseilles. The steamship, which was taking Italian soldiers home on leave, was cut in two. Several persons, most of them passengers, were drowned. The number of survivors is given as 120.

LLOYD GEORGE BETTER

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Premier Lloyd George continues to improve in health and he shows no ill effects from his prolonged speaking in the house of commons on Tuesday.

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DR. SMITH HOMESTEAD BOUGHT BY THEATRE MAN

The old Smith homestead in Merrimack street, at the corner of Spalding street, has been purchased by Agavni Tikigan, proprietor of the New Jewel theatre. The property consists of a house valued at \$3600, a stable valued at \$300, and \$350 square feet of land valued at \$5,150, making a total of \$9,050.

The property was sold by Theresa Estelle Smith and the deeds were transferred a day or two ago. Mr. Tikigan has made plans to tear down the house and stable and upon the premises he will erect a six-tenement house. It is expected that the work of tearing down will be started in a couple of weeks.

GEN. SCOTT ON STAND FOR THREE HOURS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Maj. Gen. Smith, chief of staff of the army, stood a three hour cross-examination before the house military committee today on his contention that the national guard system is inadequate for the defense of the country and that universal liability to military training and defense is the only efficient system.

Representatives Hahn, Farley, Tilson, Olney and Greene put in the record their approval of the theory of universal training. Representatives Quinn and McKellar declared against it.

REPORT AMENDMENT FOR NATIONAL PROHIBITION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The National Prohibition constitutional amendment, materially altered from the way in which it was reported to the house, was ordered favorably reported by the senate judiciary committee today by a vote of 13 to 3. Senators Culberson, Reed and Brandegrove voted against it.

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Pound 15c to 23cChickens A REAL
Bargain
Pound 22c to 27cBROILERS Weigh
3 to 3 1/2 lbs.
Pound 28cLamb Legs Cut from
Genuine Lamb
Pound 20c

Veal Legs 12 1/2c to 17c

Pork Loins Small
6 to 7 lb.
Average, Ib. 15cSmoked Hams Armour's
Shield
Brand, Ib. 19c

Fresh Shoulders Ib. 12 1/2c

Pork Fresh Pigs' Head, Ib. 12c
Any Cut From Native Dressed
Pigs, Ib. 13c to 18c
Pork to Roast, Ib. by strip 15c
Fresh Hams, Ib. 18cROAST BEEF Fancy Pot Roast, Ib. 10c
Fancy Chuck Roast, Ib. 12c
Prime Rib, Ib. 14c
Boneless Boston Rolled, Ib. 15c
Best Sirloin Tip, Ib. 16cCANDIES, ETC. Head Cheeses, Ib. 12 1/2c
Chocolate, Box, 12c
Gum Drops, Ib. 12c
Chocolates, Box, 12c
Cigarettes, Box, 20c
Sugar Wafers, Ib. 25c
Pound Cakes, Ib. 17c
Assorted Fruities, Ib. 12c
Grape Juice, Btl. 12cDELICATESSEN
Evap. Peaches, Ib. 10c
Evap. Apricots, Ib. 15c
New Grapes, Ib. 10c
Honey Peaches, Ib. 15c
Biscuits, Ib. 10c
Blenched Raisins, Ib. 10c
Honey Dressing, can, 9c
Sage-Thyme, can, 9c
Pruit Jam, Jar, 10cFANCY FRUITS
Evap. Peaches, Ib. 10c
Evap. Apricots, Ib. 15c
New Grapes, Ib. 10c
Honey Peaches, Ib. 15c
Biscuits, Ib. 10c
Blenched Raisins, Ib. 10c
Honey Dressing, can, 9c
Sage-Thyme, can, 9c
Pruit Jam, Jar, 10c

Turkeys

Positively Not Cold Storage
20c TO 35c
PER POUND

Walnuts Ib. 15c and 23c

DUCKS Fresh Killed
Rhode Island
Pound 18c to 24cFOWL Fresh Killed
to Stew
Pound 15c to 24cCHICKENS Cut Up
Ready to Fry
Pound 20c

YEARLING LEGS Ib. 15c

LEGS OF MUTTON Ib. 17c

FRESH HAMS Ib. 18c

Smoked Shoulders Ib. 15c

Sweet Pickled SHOULDERS Ib. 15c

Forequarter Spring Lamb, Ib. 15c
Fancy Yearling Legs, Ib. 15c
Yearling Forequarters, Ib. 12 1/2c
Legs of Mutton, Ib. 15c
Legs So. Down Mutton, Ib. 17c

Lamb

Rump, Ib. 27c
Top Round, Ib. 26c
Sirloin, Ib. 19c
Porter House, Ib. 24c
Round—Cut Through, Ib. 27c
Tenderloin, Ib. 27c

Steaks

Radicchio, Ib. 25c
Spinach, pk. 25c
Green Kidney, pk. 25c
Squash, Ib. 25c
Pil. Turnips, Ib. 25c
Lettuce, head, 25c
Savoy Cabbage, 25c
Celeri, head, 25c
Apples, pk. 15c

Vegetables

Brazil Nuts, Ib. 25c
Brazil Nuts, Ib. 20c
Walnuts, Ib. 17c, 20c
Almonds, Ib. 20c
Filberts, Ib. 25c
Pecans, Mixed, Ib. 25c
Cashews, Ib. 20c
S. S. Almonds, Ib. 25c
Peanuts, qt. 15cBEN HUR, 24 1/2 lb.
paper bag \$1.15

BEN HUR, 93 lb. cotton sack \$4.50

BARREL IN WOOD, \$9.25

SNOW CRUST PASTRY, 24 1/2 lb. bag \$1.15

FLOUR

SUGAR

BEN HUR

WILLIAM SWEENEY AT LARGE

Man Who Killed His Wife With Axe at Kenwood



WILLIAM B. SWEENEY.

Escaped From the State Insane Hospital at Worcester

The police of Lowell and all other cities throughout the state have been asked to watch for William B. Sweeney of Dracut, the man who escaped from the State Hospital for the Insane in Worcester yesterday. Sweeney was committed to the asylum after he had been arrested for beating his wife to death with an axe in Kenwood and assaulting another man with a knife or razor on March 19, 1914.

Sweeney's escape caused considerable alarm in the Kenwood section of Dracut and the police were asked to keep a close watch for fear that he might return. How he made his escape was not given out by the hospital authorities. He was missed late yesterday afternoon and the local police were immediately notified. Inquiries were made in Kenwood this morning, but no trace of the man was taken.

Story of the Crime

Sweeney was committed in the fall of 1914 after he had been found guilty of the murder of his wife on the account of insanity. The gruesome killing, it will be recalled, occurred before court of Middlesex county at the Sweeney home in Kenwood, Dracut, on the afternoon of March 19, 1914. Sweeney, it was claimed at the time, and a friend named Michael Crumney, were in Wigginton on the morning of the day of the murder. They visited as follows: Age, 39 years; height, 5 ft. 2 inches; weight, 165 pounds; color of local saloon, purchased two quarts of gin and went to the Sweeney home to axes; brown; complexion medium. He had a short moustache. When he celebrated the 37th anniversary of his birthday, he wore a blue serge suit, mixed Sweeney is alleged to have beaten his grey cap, short shirt and collar and a wife to death with an axe in a bed-black silk necktie.

WAR MAY BE WON OR LOST IN CORNFIELDS

LONDON, Dec. 21.—While the morning papers give much prominence to Indian and other foreign comment on Premier Lloyd George's speech, the question of peace was secondary today to the discussion of the projected national service. The comment everywhere indicates the readiness of the nation to mobilize. The description of Howland E. Prothero, president of the Board of Agriculture of Great Britain, as a beleaguered city and his dictum, "the war may be won or lost on our cornfields and potato lands," are treated as furnishing the keynote to a situation which calls for the utmost national efforts.

The parliamentary correspondents of the newspapers contribute reports from the lobbies of the broad lines of the government's scheme while some day embraces all males of 16 to 60 and others 17 to 56. The civil conscripts, according to these accounts, must

NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

The drawing of silver articles for the benefit of the Notre Dame academy building fund, which was done yesterday, resulted as follows:

Miss Anna Robb, Lowell, silver toilet set; Miss Mary Kelleher, Lowell, silver tea set; Mrs. H. Lane, Lawrence, silver bouillon set; Miss Mitha Mitchell, Worcester, after dinner coffee set; Miss Katharine Sullivan, Lowell, silver berry set; Miss Helen Clark, Lowell, silver coffee service; Miss Prentiss Richardson, Ashbury Park, New Jersey, silver penholder; Frank Mullin, Cambridge, silver tray.

U. S. SHIP DAMAGED BY STRIKING MINE

Tells why a corn is so painful and says cutting makes them grow

Press an electric button, and you form a contract with a live wire which rings the bell. When your shoes press against your corn it pushes its sharp roots down upon a sensitive nerve and you get a shock of pain.

Instead of trimming your corns, which merely makes them grow, just step into any drug store and ask for a quarter of an ounce of freezene. This will cost very little but is sufficient to remove every hard or soft corn or callus from one's feet. A few drops applied directly upon a tender, aching corn stops the swelling instantly, and then the corn shrivels up so it lifts right out, root and all, without pain. This drug is harmless and never inflames or even irritates the surrounding tissue or skin.

BATTLE OF MUSIC

Miner, Doyle and Broderick Orchestra WITH THE PONIES

Associate Hall, Friday Evening, Dec. 22. Admission 25 Cents

Decorate For Christmas

This is the best place to select your greenery for Christmas decorating. Christmas wreaths from 15 cents up. Potted plants and cut flowers.

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FIREMEN WANT INCREASE OF 10 PER CENT

It is within the power of the commissioner of the fire and water departments to raise the pay of the firemen if he is so inclined, without a vote of the municipal council. Later, however, the question of an appropriation to meet the increase might come before the council and in that case the council would have to vote on the proposition. In his statement this morning, Commissioner Putnam did not state what he intended to do in the matter, although he may grant the increase. In that case his bringing the matter up at a meeting of the municipal council would be looked upon as merely a matter of courtesy. The firemen want an increase of 10 per cent, which Commissioner Putnam will probably grant.

DEATHS

FISKE—Mrs. Annie M. Fiske, wife of Henry C. Fiske, died yesterday at her home, 57 George street, aged 53 years. Besides her husband, she leaves two sons, Walter A. and William S. Bruce, and a sister, Alice Bridges.

LUSSIER—Victor Lussier, tanner of Victor Lussier of this city, died Tuesday afternoon at Nashua, N. H., where he was a well known druggist, in place of business in West Pease street. He had been ill for months, during which time his legs had been amputated. He is survived by three sons, one daughter and three brothers.

DONNELLY—Miss Gladie Donnelly, an esteemed member of St. Patrick's parish, died today at the home of her father, Frederick W. Donnelly, rear of 11 Queen st., aged 5 years, 2 months and 5 days. She was a popular pupil of the Notre Dame academy.

PORE—William, aged 4 years and 2 months, died last night at the home of the parents, Joseph and Mathilda Pore, 19 Ward street. Burial took place this afternoon at 3 o'clock in St. Joseph's cemetery under the direction of Undertakers Joseph Albert & Son.

MORRILL—Clarence Edwin Merrill, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Merrill, died yesterday morning at the home of his parents, 21 Moore street, at the age of 9 days.

SIKORELLIS—Vasilios Sikorellis, aged 11 months, son of Louis and Stathalia Sikorellis, died this morning at the home of his parents, No. 349 Market street. The funeral took place this afternoon at 3 o'clock and the burial was in the Edison cemetery in charge of Undertakers James F. O'Donnell & Sons.

FUNERALS

MANSELL—The funeral of Leo Mansell was held yesterday afternoon from his home, 66 A street. Rev. Appleton Granells officiated. Burial was in Westlawn cemetery under the direction of Undertaker Geo. M. Eastman.

BURNS—The funeral of Francis J. Burns took place this morning at 8:30 o'clock from the home of his parents, No. 68 Coburn street and was largely attended by members of relatives and friends. The cortège proceeded to Michael's church, where at 9 o'clock a high mass of requiem was celebrated by Rev. Francis J. Mullin. The floral offerings were a pillow inscribed "Frank" from the family and a spray from Mr. Daily and family.

The bereaved were—Mrs. Thomas Ryan, Lowell, silver berry set; Miss Helen Clark, Lowell, silver coffee service; Miss Prentiss Richardson, Ashbury Park, New Jersey, silver penholder; Frank Mullin, Cambridge, silver tray.

CARD OF THANKS

We, the undersigned, take this means of expressing our sincere thanks for the kindness shown us in our recent bereavement in the loss of our beloved son and brother, and for the beautiful floral pieces and spiritual offerings which were sent.

J. M. Bowers,
Miss Margaret Bowers,
Mrs. Anna M. Doyle,
Mr. and Mrs. George Webber,
Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Barnes,
Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Whitney.

MASS NOTICE

An anniversary high mass of requiem will be sung at the Immaculate Conception church Friday morning at 8 o'clock for the repose of the souls of Ann Larkin and Mary Campbell.

FUNERAL NOTICES

AUSTIN—The funeral of Mrs. Nellie A. Austin will take place Friday afternoon from the chapel of C. H. McNamee on Market street. Services will be conducted by Rev. Mr. O'Neil. The body will be placed on the 3:30 train to Westwood, N. J., for burial. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertakers C. H. McNamee & Sons.

COTÉ—The funeral of Joseph J. Côté took place Friday morning from his home, 30 Forest street, at 2 o'clock. High mass of requiem at St. Margaret's church at 9 o'clock. Burial in St. Patrick's cemetery in charge of G. H. Molloy Sons.

DONNELLY—The funeral of Miss Gladie Donnelly will take place from the home of her father, rear of 11 Queen street, Saturday morning at 8 o'clock. A high mass of requiem at St. Patrick's church at 9 o'clock. Undertaker J. F. Rogers in charge.

FRYKE—The funeral of the late Mrs. Anna Fiske will take place Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from her late home, 57 George street. Friends are respectfully invited without further notice. Interment will be in the Edison Cemetery in charge of Funeral Director James W. McNamee.

HOOPE—Died in this city, Dec. 19, at his home, 7 Belmont street, George H. Hooper. Funeral services will be held at his home, 7 Belmont street, on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends are invited without further notice. Burial private. Please note flowers. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertaker George W. Healey.

SLYLVAN—The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary Sullivan will take place Friday morning at 9 o'clock from her home, 33 White street. A solemn high mass of requiem will be sung at St. Columba's church at 10 o'clock. Burial in St. Patrick's cemetery in charge of Undertaker J. F. O'Donnell.

SHARKEY—Died in this city Dec. 20, at his home, 211 Appleton street, Henry D. Sharkey, at the age of 62 years. Funeral services will be held at his home, 211 Appleton st., on Friday afternoon at 2:30 instead of 3 o'clock. Friends are respectfully invited to attend. Burial private. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertaker William H. Saunders.

SEC. LANSING EXPLAINS

Continued

ing nearer the verge of war ourselves and therefore we are entitled to know exactly what each belligerent seeks in order that we may regulate our conduct in the future.

"No nation has been sounded. No consideration of the German overtures or of the speech of Lloyd George was taken into account in the formulation of the document. The only thing the overtures did was to delay it a few days. It was not decided to send it until Monday. Of course the difficulties that face the president were that it might be construed as a movement toward peace and in aid of the German overtures. He specifically denies that that was the fact in the document itself."

Secretary Lansing further said: "The sending of this note will indicate the possibility of our being forced into the war. That possibility ought to serve as a restraining and sobering force, safeguarding American rights. It may also serve to force an earlier conclusion of the war. Neither the president nor myself regard this note as a peace note, it is merely an effort to get the belligerents to define the end for which they are fighting."

U. S. IN DIFFICULT ROLE

At the White House no effort was made to lessen the importance of Secretary Lansing's statement. President Wilson would make no comment.

President Wilson himself on several occasions has pointed out the danger of the United States becoming involved in the war. Because of violations of American rights he has felt that the United States had a very difficult role to fill.

Last February while touring the middle west in favor of preparedness and again during the last campaign, the president longed on that feature.

In a speech at Pittsburgh last January he said:

"When you know that there are combustible materials in the life of the world, and in your own national life, and that the sky is full of lightning, you are going to sit down and say it will be this, when the fire begins to do something about it? Do not believe that the fire is going to begin, but I would be sure of it if we were ready for the fire."

"I want to come as your responsible servant and tell you this, that we do not control the fire. We are under the influence of it, but we are not at the source of it. We are where it at any time may affect us, and yet we cannot govern its spread and progress."

UMBRELLAS—At Ricard's.

TO BUILD BATTLE CRUISER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Construction in the Philadelphia navy yard of a ship for building one of the four battle cruisers authorized by congress has been determined upon by Secretary Daniels.

Private bidders submitted proposals upon a per cent basis and Secretary Daniels said today that unless the government constructed one of the vessels the navy department would be unable to determine the total costs with any degree of accuracy.

FOUNTAIN PENS—Ricard's.

SUN BREVITIES

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Auto supplies, Beharrell, 23 Middle st.

J. S. Mott, optometrist, Wyman's Ex.

J. F. Donohoe, 225 Hildreth bldg., real estate and insurance. Telephone.

Everett E. Harris of Chelmsford was awarded a \$100 Phillips scholarship in the scholarships awarded at Phillips-Exeter Academy for the Christmas holidays.

Late buyers will find it easy to make their selection of Christmas gifts by consulting the advertising columns of The Sun today, tomorrow and Saturday. Stores are open evenings this week.

Misses Helen Haggerty, Kitty Kinney, Flora Hebert and others at Ricard's Central street store, and Misses Blanche LaRue and Alice Landry at the Merrimack street store are assisting in accommodating the holiday crowds.

J. J. Barry, who several years ago was chief clerk to the commercial superintendent of the New England Telephone & Telegraph company, in this city, has been appointed district manager of Lyons for the same company. Mr. Barry belongs in Brockton. In 1909 he was contract agent for the Boston branch, serving there for six months after which he went to Clinton as manager and from there to Brockton.

MANICURE AND TOILET SETS—Ricard's.

WILL LIVE IN LOWELL

Dr. D. T. Chagnon, formerly of this city, and recently of North Adams, has returned to Lowell with his wife and daughter and will make his home here.

See Ricard's girls for men.

ALBERT W. GUPTILL DEAD

Advertising Manager of the Boston Herald Passed Away at His Home Today

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—Albert W. Guptill, advertising manager of the Boston Herald, died at his home today.

Christmas Gifts—At Ricard's.

CITY OF LOWELL MASSACHUSETTS

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

December 26th, is the last day on which bills will be received by the city for payment for the year 1916.

WILLIAM W. DUNCAN, Commissioner of Finance.

Special Delivery Packages

Special delivery packages are also on the increase this year. Turkeys, chickens, butter and similar articles are invariably sent special delivery to prevent any opportunity of them spoiling in the mails.

The post office department believes that the increase in the business this year is due largely to the prosperity of the country.

People who send postal cards are now mailing packages, it is said.

Postmaster John F. Mehan stated today that there would be two deliveries of parcel post packages Sunday and one regular delivery Monday.

The clerks will also work Sunday.

It is hoped, however, that all packages will be mailed before Saturday so that the clerks may attend to the distribution of the incoming mail and not be held up with outgoing matter.

Postmaster Mehan anticipates a very heavy business tomorrow, owing to some of the stores having closed on Tuesday and Wednesday nights. It is believed that many local people have not yet completed purchasing their gifts even to be sent out of town. Tomorrow should be the banner day and it is expected that last year's record for the number of packages handled in any one day will be broken.

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NEW BRITISH POLICIES

There is more behind Premier George's speech in parliament than appears on the surface. It was a very forcible declaration of England's determination to stand firmly against any peace that would not bring reparation and a guarantee of future peace; but it was also remarkable for proposed departures in domestic policy.

There is to be a nationalization of British shipping which would withdraw the entire British merchant marine from general commerce and place it under control of the government for war purposes. Thus American commerce may suffer very seriously through the withdrawal of British ships from American ports except so far as may be necessary to secure war supplies. In this emergency the merchant marine of the United States, which thus far exists chiefly on paper, would be in great demand.

Besides, there is to be a mobilization of labor in England, according to Premier George's plan and a division into essential and non-essential industries. No man will be forced into the army who will be of more use in turning out munitions at home.

Another announcement made by the premier was of great significance. It was to the effect that an imperial conference will soon be called to settle vital questions. This will co-ordinate the support of the colonies and result in more united and systematic action.

It is expected that as Premier George alluded to the Irish question as "a misunderstanding" he will submit it for settlement to the imperial conference. As all the colonies have repeatedly declared in favor of home rule for Ireland, such a conference would require but a short time to settle this question by putting the home rule measure into effect at once for the whole of Ireland, thus overruling the unreasonable objection of the Ulster minority which is amply provided for in the home rule act as it stands. Thus it is probable that Premier George will do in a brief period a great number of things that should have been done long ago, if there had been any man or set of men in England big enough to stop haggling and half-way measures and unite all the energies of the nation for the successful prosecution of the war.

The new premier may retrieve in a great measure much of the military prestige which England has lost through stupid blunders, as he says, through lack of prompt decision in the councils directing the war.

HELPING THE WAR STRICKEN
This is a time when the hearts of millions of people in this country turn in sympathetic yearning to the suffering millions in the war stricken nations of Europe and Asia Minor. First among the number as appealing to our sympathy is gallant little Belgium, which has had to suffer not only the ravages of war but the imposition of war taxes so heavy that it is marvelous how they can be met by the poor people. But on the heels of all this misery comes the still higher crime of deportation of the able-bodied men of Belgium in open violation of all laws, human and divine.

This country has responded liberally to the appeal for Belgian relief; but out of \$227,000,000 disbursed by the Belgian Relief commission only \$10,000,000 was contributed by the United States. That would net about ten cents a head of our population, which is small compared to what some other countries less prosperous than we are contributed. Thus Canadians gave at the rate of 18 cents each, New Zealand \$234 each, Tasmania \$6.35 each. Moreover of the \$227,000,000 contributed, \$125,000,000 was spent in this country for clothing and supplies for Belgium, so that if we contributed liberally we derived a return in the profits on the supplies sold the commission.

But the Belgian Relief represents but one of many funds liberally aided by the people of this country. The Poles suffered from starvation, but there was difficulty in sending aid to them.

The Armenians and Syrians were persecuted by the Turk and about a million of them killed. The American relief to that fund amounted to over \$2,000,000. Various other funds were aided in this country by big days and public demonstrations which netted large sums. But in spite of all efforts to relieve the victims of the war there is still widespread suffering which not all the charity of the outer world can reach or relieve.

DR. MUNSTERBERG'S CASE

The late Professor Munsterberg apparently exercised his mind more with the problems of the European war than did some of the men engaged in it. With all his psychology, it was remarkable that he did not detect the symptoms of his own weakness and at least lower the mental pressure he had taken on. He seemed to take upon himself the stupendous task of settling the European war or at least of upholding the case of Germany against all attacks. He was certainly a loyal German, but he never claimed to be anything else and never became an American citizen. Like the late Herman Ridder of New York, he took on a sort of mental strain over the war

snow may carry some filth from the street or it may even contain salt spread around the railway tracks, but in spite of this, it would seem that the damage done to the common might be easily repaired at perhaps one-tenth of the cost of carting the snow to a distance. It must be remembered that carting anything at the present time is a very expensive operation.

SHINGLED ROOF MENACE

The question of gradually getting rid of the wooden shingle by replacing it with some fireproof material or at least a material that is less inflammable may prove expensive, but if carried out, it would ultimately result in much benefit to our city. There is no doubt that the shingled roof is a great fire menace, while in many cases it has been responsible for conflagrations that wiped out whole cities. It would indeed be highly creditable to the city of Lowell if the shingled roof were a thing of the past.

STILL DEPORTING

Reports from Belgium still show that Germany keeps up her campaign to clear the unfortunate country of able-bodied men. The men firmly resist signing any register declaring that they go voluntarily. Germany is endeavoring to make it appear that all the men thus deported are going of their own free will to find employment at good wages. This lie has been contradicted so often that it would seem folly to repeat it again. The scheme is one of deliberate enslavement in open violation of international law, however disguised.

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Automobile Plates

In commenting on the new design of the automobile plates which will be seen on automobiles of the state shortly, an exchange says:

"The new number tag, with its change of proportions and arrangement, certainly looks novel to the eye accustomed to the old familiar type. Whether it may be like it, it is impossible to say, until the novelty has worn off. Something has been gained in ease of reading, by running the name of the state lengthwise instead of up and down, as hitherto. The figures are taller through the greater height of the plate and are, therefore, more easily readable, a thing important with the growing size of numbers. Also, the plate seems to be shorter, because it is taller. Perhaps it really isn't. For I have noticed that an ordinary plate, with one or two numbers on it, looks shorter than one with six. Sight is deceptive in those things. The alternation of blue and white is kept again this year, which is well, since blue and white, which are the Massachusetts colors in everything, by the way, has come to be recognized as our color."

Was Fine Young Man

Rarely has the death of a young man in Lowell left a greater void than was left by the passing away, on Dec. 14, of Edward A. Keleher of 17 Crane's avenue, at the early age of 21. Deceased was a graduate of St. Patrick's academy and at the time of his death was clerk at the Saco-Lowell shops. Throughout his school days and his brief space of later life he was beloved by teachers, friends and associates and his high character and winning personality set him apart as an influence for good. At one of the reunions of the academy he spoke before the alumni of the class of '13 and made a splendid impression. There was a great showing of sorrow at his untimely passing away and his bereaved family was in part sustained by the tributes of love and memory from the friends, neighbors. His life was short but exemplary and he will long be remembered by his family and friends.

Pure Food Law

Our attention has been called to the fact that the familiar legend on food and drug packages, "Guaranteed by Manufacturer. Under the Food and Drug Act, June 30, 1906," is disappearing from labels now used. A method for guaranteeing foods and drugs that will be less misleading to the public has been provided by the officials in charge of the enforcement of the act. Manufacturers may guarantee their products on the invoice, or bill of sale, but they are not permitted hereafter to make it on the label. This does not apply to labels already in use. The form of the new guarantee will read: "We, the undersigned, do hereby guarantee that the articles of food listed herein are not adulterated or misbranded within the meaning of the federal food and drug act," etc. Originally it was provided that a manufacturer or wholesaler who desired to guarantee his products could file a general guarantee to that effect, with the department of agriculture, receiving in return a serial number to be used upon his label. After this method had been in operation for some time, it was found that it was misleading to the public, since consumers generally, and some retail dealers, assumed that the guarantee legend meant that a sample of the product had been examined by agents of the government, and guaranteed by them. The law merely intended to protect the dealer from prosecution if the goods that he handled had been guaranteed by the manufacturer. Such goods might be found to be misbranded or impure, in which case the government would prosecute the parties falsely attaching the label. There never was any guarantee on the part of the government, although the public believed that there was. It should be added, however, that the requirement of such a guarantee has driven the bulk of adulterated foods and drugs from the market, so that the public has been indirectly protected by the government, as was intended in the act.

They Do Say

That it looks like a Merry Christmas. That it is time to practice writing 1917.

That "get busy" cures a deal of lassitude.

That Ernest Brown is flashing a real diamond.

That many a Santa Claus sled is already in use.

That Christmas presents are beginning to arrive.

That it is a wise giver who gives a useful present.

That the suit club didn't work very well in Lowell.

That the weather is very good for a sleigh ride party.

That the evening of Dec. 31 will be a busy one in Lowell.

That where there's a will there's likely to be a scrap.

That there are only three more days for necktie knitting.

That this is the weather when auto skid and heavy sleds stick.

That those who put wreaths in the window gadden the whole street.

That when men carry bundles cheerfully, Christmas is surely coming.

That the police will start a campaign against the larceny of newspapers.

That doing things with a vengeance is not always the pleasantest way.

That some alleged big men allow themselves to be jolted by shrimps.

That it's wonderful how many people love us after we are dead and gone.

That the license commission has ruled to put the lid on in Lowell New Years.

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NOTES URGING PEACE
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conserves its interests as a neutral if the war continues. Coupled with the president's recent declaration that the position of neutrals was becoming intolerable, they attach much significance to his statement in the note that his suggestion comes from a neutral whose interests have been most seriously affected by the war, "and whose concern for its early conclusion arises out of a manifest necessity to determine how best to safeguard those interests if the war is to continue."

Von Bernstorff's Statement

In German quarters the conviction that the president's action would surely lead to some sort of a consideration of peace terms was expressed in the following authorized statement by Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador.

"Now I am perfectly convinced that there will be a conference."

Despite the fact that President Wilson's notes state specifically and unreservedly that he "is not proposing peace, he is not even offering mediation" they are regarded here as of such a nature as will compel all belligerents to make more of a reply necessary to determine how best to safeguard those interests if the war is to continue.

Action Causes Surprise

British embassy officials made no attempt to conceal their surprise at the president's action. They were not alone, however, for all official Washington had been led by officials to believe that the president in transmitting the German peace proposals without comment had taken all the action that was to be expected from the United States for some time to come unless there was some unforeseen development in world affairs. The secrecy with which the preparation of the notes and their despatch were surrounded was complete and nothing was known about them until they were well on their way to the belligerent capitals.

League to Insure Peace

The definite proposal of the United States for "a league of nations to insure peace and justice throughout the world" is interpreted as a step which, if carried through, would mean the abandonment of the theory of "splendid isolation" which Washington bequeathed to the country. Significance is attached to the fact that the president uses the word "insure" rather than "enforce" as indicating that he has not committed himself to any one program to accomplish that end, but that he is open to whatever suggestions may seem best to the other world nations.

Repeated efforts have been made to enlist the American government in some sort of international agreement involving responsibility, but always the answer has been that the United States would stand alone. Several months ago, President Wilson spoke most earnestly before the League to Enforce Peace of his hope that the United States would join in some new international arrangements, but not until now has he made the proposal officially to the nations of the world.

Guarantees Against War

It is thought here that along these lines President Wilson's note will find its most ready reception abroad, for all parties have indicated their belief that the war will have been in vain unless from it comes guarantees against its repetition. Former Minister Sir Edward Grey for England, Premier Briant for France and Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg for Germany, have all committed their nations to some sort of international reorganization to secure the end laid down in the president's note and the official offers of the central powers together with Lloyd George's speech in reply have accentuated that purpose.

As yet, however, the actual procedure which may be adopted appears uncertain. German, apparently, has given up her earlier opposition to disarmament which nearly scuttled the second Hague conference. No official statement has come from either England or France on this subject in the present circumstances. It was Eng-

land, however, at The Hague conference, seconded by France and the United States that insisted on stating its views in favor of disarmament.

Deepest interest centered today in the probable time and form of the belligerents' reply. It is assumed that the members of each group of allies will consult one another and agree on a uniform statement of views, but whether that statement will be joint, identical or different in each case is not known.

The solidarity which has been so strikingly shown both by the central powers' identical proposals and the allies' virtually simultaneous response is expected to be continued here. It is thought also that some time may elapse before the different groups can settle down to an actual agreement on terms to be presented. In case it is decided to heed the president's request by going into them fully.

Meanwhile, the allied entente's re-

ALDERMAN PUTNAM
Continued

same. The mayor said repeatedly that there can be no logical objection to the calling for bids in two separate ways as this will show the people of Lowell whether a general contract would or would not save money.

Another matter of importance that came up at the meeting was a statement from Commissioner Putnam favoring the raising of firemen's pay 10 per cent. He said that Lowell is at the bottom of the list of Massachusetts cities and, while he did not introduce

an order, he wanted to go on record as being in favor of the raise.

The meeting was called promptly at 10, with the mayor presiding and Commissioners Morse and Donnelly present. Commissioner Putnam came in later, but Commissioner Duncan was not present during the meeting.

A notification was received from the clerk of the superior court for the drawing of four jurors for superior court, Cambridge, first Monday in January, and the following names were drawn by Commissioner James E. Donnelly:

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Children's Coat Sweaters

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WILL DEMONSTRATE THE MACHINE GUN

A shooting demonstration of the Lewis machine gun, to take place at the South Lowell range of the plant of the U. S. Cartridge Co., tomorrow, Friday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, will be given by Colonel John J. Dooley, formerly of the U. S. Cartridge Co. This demonstration was arranged by Capt. Thomas E. Doe, manager of the U. S. Cartridge Co., for the instruction of the Lowell Business Men's bat-talion.

History of Gun

The Lewis gun is the invention of Colonel Isaac Newton Lewis, U. S. A., now retired. After years of experimen-tation he succeeded about 1910 in completing his first rough model of the gun and at once offered it to the United States government as a gift. The government declined to accept the gift.

The offer was repeated in 1911, when Colonel Lewis, then a major in the coast artillery, had made some slight improvements in the gun. Major Lewis is then the assuring Colonel Wood, then chief of the general staff, that in the event of the government adopting his gun he "would not expect to receive any profit for his interest in the invention." Colonel Lewis is a gradu-ate of West Point. This is attitude then was that as a West Pointer and an officer whatever he was able to accom-
plish in a military way belonged to

In April of this year after the gun

had been in operation on the British

front in France ever since the great war started and had won golden opin-ion there, while the Benet-Mercier weapon in general use in the United States army had fallen in for general criticism largely as a result of the Vicks raid in Columbia. General Crozier held a machine gun test preliminarily to officially recognizing a type of such weapon as most suitable to the needs of the army. The guns tested were the Benet-Mercier and the Vicks-
er and Lewis. General Crozier after-wards stated that in these tests the Benet-Mercier and the Vicks were shown to be the best weapon, and the Lewis gun "performed badly." The other two guns were accepted as sat-isfactory and the Lewis gun was re-jected.

Wood Likes Gun

Following the rejection of the Lewis gun by the Crozier board, Major Gen. Leonard Wood, as commanding officer of the eastern department of the army, who is one of the Lewis gun's strongest advocates, and does not in-
dorse the findings of the board ap-pointed by General Crozier, appointed another board to test the Lewis gun in competition with the service Benet-Mercier.

This board, of which Major Halstead Dorey, the captain, was president, met at Plattsburgh this summer and sub-
jected the two types of gun to a series of test as thorough and rigid as any ever imposed in any similar tests in the history of the army. The Benet-Mercier guns were in charge of an officer who is admittedly an expert in the handling of that weapon, while the firing of the Lewis gun was di-
rected by a representative of the com-pany now manufacturing the Lewis guns in the United States.

The Dorey board reported back to General Wood that in the matter of mobility, the two guns were about equal, but that the "superiority of the Lewis gun in every other particular was clearly demonstrated."

Of this more later. At the present moment the machine gun situation in the United States army may be sum-
med up as follows: The ordnance de-
partment refuses to admit the pecu-
liar advantages which other ordnance expects accord the Lewis gun and persists in maintaining that it is in-
ferior to the French Benet-Mercier, and the English Vicks. On the other hand the board appointed by General Wood maintains that in every re-
spect but one the Lewis gun is su-
perior to the Benet-Mercier, and that it is the equal of the gun in the ex-
ception referred to.

Recently the Lewis gun has under-
gone extensive trials in the presence of army officers on the board. As a result of these tests the gun is re-
ported to have been endorsed within the last few weeks, by Major Gen. Funston, Brig. Gen. Pershing, and several other high ranking officers now on border duty.

REV. J. H. TRASK DEAD

MELROSE, Dec. 21.—Rev. James H. Trask, aged 78, a retired Methodist Episcopal clergyman and Civil war veteran, died yesterday afternoon at his home, 302 West Emerson st.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—There is a possi-
bility that before another Christmas, delivery of gifts "a la Santa Claus" may be in full operation, according to Postmaster William F. Murray, who predicted yesterday that the day of aerial postal transportation is not far off.

"I have just returned from a visit to Washington, where I had a talk with Second Asst. Postmaster, General Praeger," Mr. Murray said, "and learned that the postoffice officials are watching the development of the air-
plane with a view of making an im-
mediate use of it in the department.

"Advertisements were issued during

the past year inviting bids for aero-
plane service and one route was con-
templated for Massachusetts."

Mr. Murray could not say whether the first line would be between this city and New York, or between New York and Chicago.

"The matter would probably have to be determined by the air currents and their effects upon aerial navigation," he said. "For instance, the air cur-
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GERMANY FAILS TO KEEP WORD TO AMERICA

London, Dec. 21. An Exchange Telegraph company's Amsterdam correspondent quotes the following from the Berlin Tagesschreiber Handelszeitung regarding the reference made in the house of commons by Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, to the case of Capt. Blaikie of the British steamer Caledonia, taken prisoner by the Germans.

"The German government has now taken the position that England's armed commercial and passenger steamers are men-of-war, being armed auxiliary cruisers. The promise given to America—which has always hindered our submarine war—that these vessels before being torpedoed must be stopped and examined, falls to the ground. They are warships and must be treated as such even when Americans are on board."

"We now have facilities for extending the under sea boat war which all sensible people have long recognized as unavoidable and indispensable. This is the best reply to Premier Lloyd George's refusal of our peace offer."

Mr. Bonar Law in his statement in the house of commons on Tuesday said Germany had given assurance that Capt. Blaikie would not share the fate of Capt. Fryatt of the British steamer Brussels, who was executed after conviction on the charge that his vessel had attempted to ram a German submarine. Germany, the chancellor stated, considered the Caledonia an armed cruiser and that Capt. Blaikie in attempting to ram the under sea boat was merely performing his duty.

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PRESENTED GOLD BRACELET

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. McGee of 189 Mt. Hope street was the scene of a very pleasant gathering Tuesday evening, when their daughter, Miss Christina E. McGee, was surprised by a number of her friends, the occasion being the 18th anniversary of her birth. Mr. Frank O'Shea, in behalf of those present, presented Miss McGee a beautiful gold bracelet. Although taken by surprise the young

Communion sets—At Ricard's.

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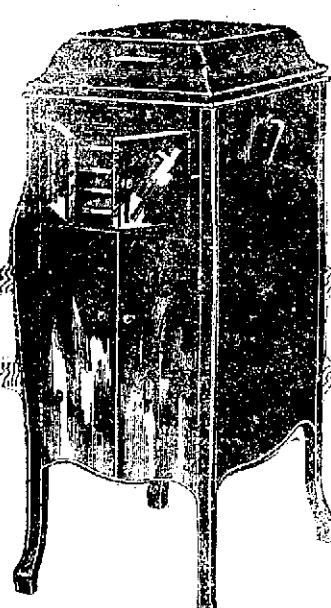
Joseph F. Gundersen of West Newton and Miss Harriet R. Ferguson of this city were married yesterday afternoon by Rev. Dr. C. F. Fisher at his home, 224 Foster street. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Lillian Ferguson, while the best man was Arctic Henley of West Newton. At the close of the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's sister and in the evening the happy couple left on an extended honeymoon trip through the state of New Hampshire.

Chests of silver—At Ricard's.

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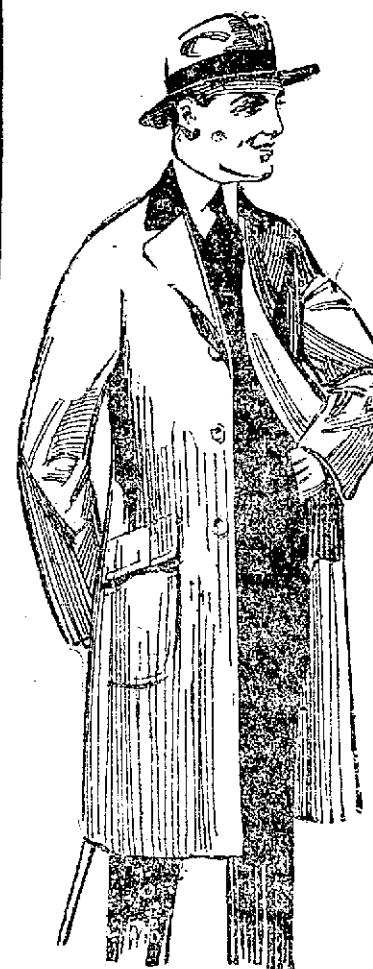
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RECORD RUSH TO BUY CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Never before in its history has Lowell spent so much money for Christmas gifts. The nation-wide prosperity is being daily reflected here. Never before has the procession of shopkeepers been so incessant. Downtown store managers in practically all lines vouch for this. The same story holds good in other cities. Some cities are inclined to attribute it to the development of the Christmas fund idea, thrift clubs, etc. But we have no thrift club here. The Middlesex Trust Co. has formed one for next year, but there was none this year. The fact remains, however, that a great many merchants, even in cities as big as Boston, have expressed the belief that thrift clubs and Christmas clubs, meaning one and the same thing, are in a great measure responsible for the great increase in Christmas shopping this year. The store people welcome it, while the banks realize its value, and all their plans are laid for the 1917 Christmas drive.

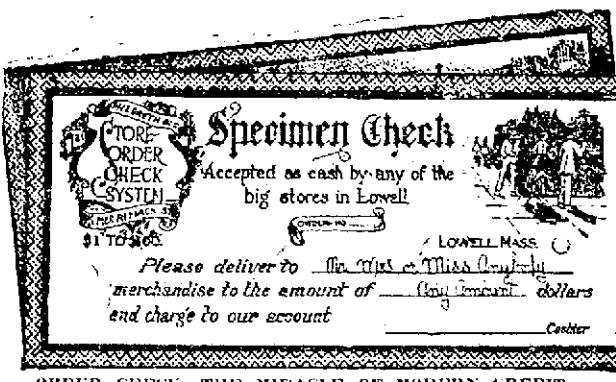
The huge volume of business may be attributed, in smaller measure perhaps, to the profit-sharing plans that have been entered into within the year and the liberal advances which nearly every New England public service corporation and factory has lately made to its employees.

However, it may be Mr. General Public's pocket is more richly lined than ever it was, and consequently, so is the dainty purse of Mrs. and Miss Public.

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Tableware	Handkerchiefs	Leather Goods	Laces	Sweaters
Linen	Ladies' Neckwear	Children's Clothing	Bracelets	Smokers' Articles
Vacuum Cleaners	Fur Coats	Fur Gloves	Pendants	Fine Stationery
Ladies' Shoes	Overcoats	Signet Rings	Furniture	Photographs
Perfumes	Bath Robes	Military Sets	Ribbons and Veilings	Carpets and Rugs
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GREAT BRITAIN TO TAKE LAND FOR CROPS

COMPELSION IF NECESSARY—WAR COMMITTEES WILL BE TOLD WHAT TO PRODUCE

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The steps which the government intends to take to increase production of foodstuffs within the kingdom was explained to a meeting of agriculturists yesterday by Roland E. Prothero, president of the Royal Agricultural Society.

He said that in the first place it was intended to fix the contract price for home-grown wheat at 60 shillings, and that similar action would be taken in regard to the potatoes, oats and barley, the prices for which are now under consideration.

Surveys are now being carried out to

ascertain the land at present idle or insufficiently cultivated and to have it cultivated to the fullest extent.

It was announced that in every country a war agricultural committee would be appointed with lists of the products most essential and would be told what they were expected to grow. These committees would have the power to acquire land by compulsion if necessary and a system of credit would be established.

"We are a beleaguered city," said Mr. Prothero, "and must act in the fullest consciousness of that fact."

SEWER BUILDING IN THE WINTER MONTHS

Commissioner Charles J. Morse is nothing daunted by the winter weather, even though he has two big sewer projects on hand—the Appleton street sewer and that on Varnum avenue, to drain the sprawling hospital. While he admits that in some ways sewer work is more costly in winter than in summer, he says that blasting can be done more

easily when there is frost in the ground. Appleton street is ledge the entire length and there is a great deal of ledge on Varnum avenue. Mr. Morse

is ready to start the Appleton street job, and the street railway has got busy on the laying of temporary tracks to serve the people of the Highlands. In the sewer there are two air compressors will be used, which will operate four jackscrews, hand trucks and possibly steam drills. "I am going to have Appleton street next summer," said Mr. Morse, "I will have to start on that sewer at once." He has on hand about 230,000 four-inch granite blocks but that will not be nearly enough to complete the Appleton street job.

AMERICAN WEDS PARIS GIRL

PARIS, Dec. 21.—Paul Rockwell, formerly of the foreign legion and brother to Kitten Rockwell, the American aviator, who was recently married on the French front, was married yesterday to Jeanne Leguine, daughter of Georges Leguine, former minister of public instruction. The ceremony was quiet as both families are in mourning. The witnesses for the bride were Paul Desnoes, president of the chamber of deputies, and Georges Dupont, the distinguished Victorin Areloux, and Sergt. McConnell, an American aviator with the French army.

Christmas Suggestions

\$3.00 Ever-ready Flashlight	\$2.40
2-Cell Ever-ready Flashlight	49c
Hot-Point Electric Iron. Regular price \$4.00. Our price ...	\$3.60
Westinghouse Electric Iron. Regular price \$4.00. Our price ...	\$3.60
Perfection Electric Iron. Regular price \$2.75. Our price ...	\$2.60
8-Light Christmas Tree Decorating Sets. Regular price \$3.00. Our price ...	\$2.75
Ever-ready 2-Cell Tungsten Batteries. Regular price 30c.	23c
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YOUNG COUPLE SKATE TO DEATH

ALL VESSELS MUST AID ENTENTE POWERS

INTERPRETATION OF HINT BY PREMIER LLOYD GEORGE—TO SUPPLY ALLIES FIRST

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—A desire of the British government to mobilize under one general head the entire ocean cargo-carrying facilities of the United Kingdom for the exclusive benefit of the allied armies and the great civilian populations of the allied countries, is the reason behind the statement of Premier Lloyd George that the shipping of Great Britain will be "nationalized," according to leading British shipping men here.

The accident happened about 500 feet out from Linwood street, opposite the storerooms of the Cambridge Ice company. The couple separated from their companions on the ice and ventured out into a dangerous part of the pond. Suddenly the skaters making merry near the shore heard a cry for help, and then all was silent.

Several of the company ventured out in the direction taken by the couple until the cracking and snapping of the ice gave warning that their position was perilous. Kenneth McLeod and Paul Hesseline, by dint of hard work, crawled out to the edge of the ice, but there were no signs of the pair except the young man's hat floating on the water.

Lieut. Daniel Hooley, who had arrived in the meantime, rushed back to the shore and then learned that the Arlington Fire company had been summoned for a blaze at Massachusetts avenue and Everett street. He sent an officer to get the hook and ladder truck, which was hurried to the scene of the accident.

Several long ladders were run out on the ice where the couple sank, and then with the aid of powerful searchlights from the fire apparatus, the police, under Chief O. D. Urquhart, grappled for the bodies.

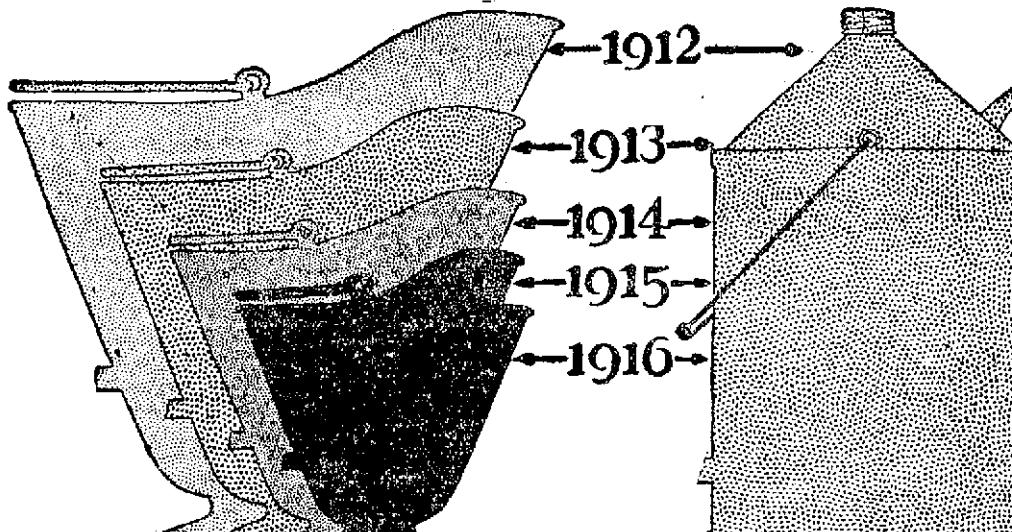
After more than a half hour's work the body of Hatfield was recovered at 10 o'clock, and 25 minutes later Hatfield's body was taken out at the same spot. The bodies were taken to Hartwell's undertaking establishment on Medford street.

The body of Hatfield was identified by his father. The young man was born in Cambridge. He is survived by his father and mother, four sisters and two brothers. He had a reputation as a very good swimmer and, in fact, won several prizes in meets. The shock of the icy water, however, is believed to have rendered him powerless.

HIGHLAND CLUB CABARET

A most enjoyable entertainment was held at the Highland Club last night, the occasion being one of those gatherings which the members have now and then, no specified date. Last night it took the form of a cabaret and the entertainers furnished a program which was highly enjoyed.

Luncheon was served in the dance hall and while the men ate, of course it was a stag party—the girls sang and danced. An added attraction was Fred Gravel of Jamaica Plain who performed feats of magic. The cabaret entertainers were the Misses Frances Feeley, Alice Tuttle, Alice Montague and Sadie Perry. Broderick's orchestra furnished music.



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FIRST FRENCH TOWN REBUILT BY AMERICANS

VITRIMONT, France, via Paris, Dec. 21.—This village, which like its neighbor, Gerbeville, was destroyed early in the war, will have the honor of being the first village reconstructed in France and this is due to American enterprise and generosity.

The rebuilding is already under way, the cornerstone of the first group of houses already having been laid Sunday by the American ambassador, William Graves Sharp, who had been invited to participate in the ceremony by those interested in this distinctly American undertaking.

Mrs. William H. Crocker of San Francisco, who has furnished the funds for reconstruction, was unable to see the practical realization of her work. She was represented by Miss Daisy Polk of San Francisco, known in the community as "Mademoiselle de Chez Nous" or "Miss One of Us," who is superintending the work. Old men and young are fit for military service are being employed on the building operations.

Miss Polk's task is not without difficulties, such as often confront American building contractors; she has had her first strike in the last week, that of masons who sought higher wages, but she succeeded in settling the matter.

American Flag Flown

The cornerstone laying was an event in Vitrumont. Grouped about the ruins and the foundation of the first structure were the inhabitants and guests or friends of absence. The American flag, the colors of the tricolor of France, was in evidence here and there and, despite the gloominess of the destroyed village, there was a manifest feeling of joy as its restoration after original plans would soon be seen.

Leon Pohe, mayor of Vitrumont, and M. Mirmont of Nancy, prefect of the department of Meurthe et Moselle, spoke, thanking the American people, through the ambassador, for their generous initiative toward the rebuilding of the ruined places of France and the aid which the United States had given in so many ways.

Replied Ambassador Sharp said it had not only given him much pleasure to see such highly useful work begun by his own countrymen for those who had been made homeless by the fortunes of war, but he was greatly interested in the possibilities to which this work, so auspiciously begun, might lead. He hoped earnestly that this beneficial aid might be extended to other villages in the province of Lorraine, upon which like destruction had been visited.

As one steamship man put it: "In the first place, the construction, a majority of the ships will not stand heavier armament, and again, should the defense guns astern already approved by the United States in connection with their status as merchantmen."

The ambassador was gratified especially that in addition to providing substantial homes for the people of the village, all the money for the construction of the buildings would remain among the people who so sorely needed it. In fact, he said, what he saw about him only confirmed him in the belief that for economic reasons, if for no other, the reconstruction of at least the

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On account of the embargo on freights from the west we are receiving all kinds of toys every day. If you don't see what you want here today come again tomorrow as we are continually opening new ones. Here are a few of the latest arrivals:

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Third Floor

smaller towns and villages of the invaded territory must be the work of the French socialist, English and Italian voices as showing that the peace overtures are not judged by the public exactly as by the parliaments.

In conclusion, he took occasion to compliment those responsible for the work and referred finally to the fortitude of the afflicted people under such trying conditions.

The little girls of the village, who excel in the art of embroidery, were presented to the ambassador and they gave him handkerchiefs, examples of their work, as souvenirs.

BERLIN NOT SURPRISED AT ENGLAND'S ATTITUDE

GERMAN PAPERS NOW DEVOTE ENTIRE ATTENTION TO LLOYD GEORGE'S SPEECH

BERLIN, Dec. 20, via London, Dec. 21.—The Berlin press which commented only fragmentarily on Premier Lloyd George's speech this morning because only excerpts were available, now has the entire text and devotes its entire attention to the subject. The papers as a whole express little surprise at the British premier's attitude, although most of them wonder why he believes that entering into a conference would involve the entente as placing its head in a noose.

Lloyd George's references to restitution and reparation are universally interpreted as an entente demand that Germany surrender all occupied territory and probably pay an indemnity. The Tageblatt says:

"Lloyd George is not willing to negotiate or willing only in case that Germany will submit to England's demands as summarized in his utterances regarding restitution, reparation, and guarantees. This makes the chasm between the English and German standpoint so broad that not even the most cheerful optimist can find a way to bridge it. Lloyd George, in stipulating the acceptance of his conditions before the opening of negotiations shows that he does not wish to negotiate."

The Tageblatt concludes by asking whether all possibilities of peace have vanished and answers its own question

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMS
The United States civil service commission announces competitive examinations as follows:

Jan. 16—Specialist in cotton marketing and warehousing (male), salary, \$2000 to \$3000 per annum; assistant biologist (male), salary, \$3000 per annum; supervising mining engineer and metallurgist (male), salary, \$4000 per annum; negative cutter (male), salary, \$3000 per annum.

Jan. 17—Oil ganger (male), salary, \$1200 per annum; 17-18, 18-21, qualified auditor (male), salary, \$3000 per annum; 17-19, assistant examiner, patent office, salary, \$1500 per annum; assistant chemist in forest products (male), salary, \$900 to \$1100 per annum; surveyor (male), salary, \$1000 to \$150 per month; mechanical draftsman (male), salary, \$1000 per head; routine meetings last evening; Beammers, Pavers and Rammers and Operating Engineers.

At the last meeting of the members of Local 333, Journeymen Barbers' International union, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, John B. Curtin; vice president, Charles Burns; financial secretary, Martin Hoar; treasurer, E. L. Deslauriers; recording secretary, Ed Curtis; and James E. Doherty; guide, George Paquin; guidance, Henry Savard. At the next meeting, to be held on the first Tuesday in January, there will be a smoke talk and the officers will be installed.

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Jan. 23—Senior structural engineer, Steam and Operating Engineers.

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UNITED IRISH LEAGUE TO RESUME ACTIVITY

NEW YORK COUNCIL STATES THE SITUATION—NATION STANDS BY IRISH PARLIAMENTARY PARTY

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—A special meeting of the municipal council of the United Irish league of America was held in the Empire arcade, last night, at which delegates were present from the metropolitan district of New York, Long Island, New Jersey and the Hudson river counties. The hall was crowded and the various speakers cheered enthusiastically.

The meeting resolved that an organized effort should be made through the Irish and American press to give the facts regarding the Irish contribution to the cause of the allies wider publicity, and to inform the American public that Mr. John E. Redmond, the brilliant leader of the Irish parliamentary party enjoys the confidence of nationalist Ireland as completely as ever and would favor no settlement of the Irish question, except upon the basis of immediate home rule. Figures brought out at the meeting showed that Ireland had mobilized 160,000 men to the fighting forces, and the regulars were available. No other country had sent forward one-half of its military eligibles.

Some of the speakers also noted that the Irish nationalist party had added a new seat to their representation, through the splendid victory in West Cork where for the first time in years a true nationalist and supporter of John E. Redmond had been returned to parliament. This was most significant, taken in connection with the further fact that the votes of the Urban, district and county councils throughout Ireland were unanimous in favor of supporting and strengthening the parliamentary party.

It is the purpose of the United Irish league of America, through the various councils, to prosecute a vigorous campaign in 1917 to focus and intensify American public opinion towards effecting a speedy settlement of the Irish question unless by some new move or a present British ministry the home rule act shall be put into immediate operation for all Ireland. Any attempt to array Ireland on the

side of Germany will only place a weapon in the hands of Ireland's enemies with which they can strike at the liberties she has won but which have been suspended by the war.

NEW AUSTRIAN CABINET CONSTRUCTED

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 21, via London.—Count Clem-Martiniz to whom was delegated the task of constructing an Austrian cabinet after Alexander Spitzmayer failed in his efforts to do so, is reported in a despatch from Vienna to have presented the following list of ministers:

Chancellor, Count Clem-Martiniz.
Minister of interior, von Handel.
Minister of commerce, Dr. Urban.
Minister of labor, von Trnka.
Minister of education, Baron von Hesseck.
Minister of agriculture, Count Clem-Martiniz.
Minister of national defense, F. von Georgi.
Minister of finance, Alexander Spitzmayer.
Minister of justice, von Schenk.
Minister of railways, Dr. Z. von Forster.
Minister without portfolio, Dr. Baernrether.
Governor general of Galicia, Michael Bobuszynski.

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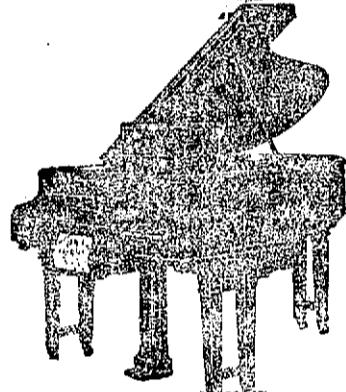
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THE SPELLBINDER

The closing weeks of the "physical" year, at city hall, are marked by daily meetings and conferences of the municipal council, in an effort to clean up the number of matters that should be settled before the close of the business year. As a result the council will be in session probably daily from now until the end and much business of importance will be transacted within the next week. Aside from the vast amount of business from without, there is considerable from within, and among the latter classification is placed the request for increases in wages and salaries which are being heard from on all sides. Most of these requests for increases, however, will go over until next year, as the appropriations are down quite a bit, and as increases are purely matters of appropriation, it would be useless to consider them this year. The reasons set forth for all increases is the high cost of living and the general increases in wages that have been granted by private concerns.

Meanwhile, the heads of the departments at city hall are busily engaged in all kinds of rumors and gossip and are wondering. One of the new commissioners is credited with having made the statement that he doesn't believe in making a goat of any one head of department, but would like to clean out the building from garret to cellar. The assignment of the new commissioners is also a matter of speculation, despite the popular impression that Brown will have the water department; Warnock's buildings, and Donnelly, finance. That impression comes from the belief that the two new men and Commissioner Morse will enter into a combination at the start of the year.

INAUGURATION DAY

The new administration will take office on Tuesday, Jan. 2, on account of Jan. 1 being a holiday. There has been much speculation as to when the inauguration would take place, inasmuch as the charter in this and other cities calls for inauguration on the first Monday in January, and the first Monday falls on a holiday. Many averred that an inauguration held on a legal holiday would be illegal, but the attorney general has cleared up that matter. Financial Politics, discussing the subject, has the following to say:

"New York's day as a legal holiday is already causing some strenuous business men and bands who are preparing to regulate their affairs to conform to the coming observance of Jan. 1. One competition which arose was as to the inauguration of city officials in many of the municipalities where the charter provides that their induction into office should take place on the first Monday of January. That being New Year's day in 1916, the question was raised as to whether such a ceremony could legally be held on a holiday. Attorney General Atwill was appealed to and he ruled that inauguration very properly can be held on Jan. 1 as long as the various charters allow the day of the week.

Street Work Goes On

A few days ago Commissioner Morse finished the Letourneau in the Dummer street extension and transferred his hot air compressor to Appleton street where a 1700-ton gewer will engage his attention for the remainder of the winter. It took about eight weeks to complete the sewer in the Dummer street extension as much blasting was necessary, one blast costing the city \$100, as the result of a few trees which had found their way into the bottom in Market street. The commissioners has been subjected to some criticism for continuing his work after the trees had set in, as it is claimed that it costs much more to excavate with the trees in the ground. But when ledge is encountered the cost is about the same at any time of year as blasting can be done practically as cheap in winter as in summer. Mr. Morse will encounter ledge in Appleton street and this might as well do the work now as later, because the work of his department is always behind for a variety of reasons.

At the beginning of the year the sum of \$200,000 was appropriated for the paving of certain streets as follows: Lower Dutton to Fletcher street; Thoreld street; Fletcher street—Button to Worthen, inclusive; Branch street—Smith street to end of block paving westward. East Merrimack—High to Nesmith, Central street—Church street to Charles, inclusive.

playground that will answer all purposes of the district may be secured at a much less cost, thereby leaving money with which to fit it up and put other playgrounds in other sections of the city where they are needed. "Dorrelly Park" is taking a long time to get a park of hard wood at a cost of less than \$7000. Half a dozen such parks could be purchased for the sum asked by the proponents of the Fair grounds petition. The tendency at present is to meet public necessity by having many inexpensive parks instead of a few expensive ones.

THE SPELLBINDER.

AIRPLANE COMPANIES TO DEMAND ROYALTIES

the manufacture of airplanes. It was announced here today that the royalty demand has caused considerable confusion in the industry and, according to aeronautical experts, seriously threatens the advancement of aviation in this country.

The appeal to the council of nations made in response to a request made to the Aero Club by the government of America, through its board of governors, has decided to place before the small companies which are impossible for them to fill the order, in the decision of two of the leading airplane companies to demand royalties from all concerns engaged in

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Small Boys' High Cut Storm King Rubber Boots, of red rubber, very new this season. Sizes 7 to 11. Special price.....	\$1.75
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STANDING IN THE MANAGERS FEAR RUNAWAY RACE NEXT YEAR

The Crescents have dropped from first to fourth place in the City league standings, the Kimball System team going into first position as a result of its clean sweep this week. The Newton Mfg. Co. and White Ways also made great gains. Martel holds the best individual average.

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Crescents ... 31 17 18.462
Jewell ... 20 28 17.838
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Individual Averages

Marshall, 192.21; Hall, 196.11; Devlin, 191; McQuaid, 195.21; Kelley, 194.50; McManaman, 192.50; Johnson, 190.50; McMahon, 192.24; Connon, 192.14; Bernadini, 192.10; Griffin, 192.5; Lechner, 192.2; Sweeney, 192.2; Jewell, 191.25; Coleman, 191.15; Belisile, 191.11; Johnson, 191.11; Marcell, 191.5; Whipple, 190.24; Whipple, 190.27; Kilkenny, 190.10; Lynch, 190.20; Pease, 190.10; O'Donnell, 190.10; Flaherty, 190.10; O'Brien, 190.10; Lynch, 190.21; Pease, 190.10; Flaherty, 190.10; Mountjoy, 190.10; Laffey, 190.10; Lane, 190.10; Maguire, 190.10; Brigham, 190.10; Farrell, 190.10; McNeil, 190.10; Panton, 190.10; Murphy, 190.10; Morgan, 190.10; Maguire, 190.10; Noonan, 190.10; Charrette, 190.10.

Smoking sets—At Ricard's.

WITH THE PADDED MITTS

Jimmy Mahan, who brought out a great many local boxers, including the Boyle brothers, Young Stone and Young Walsh, has another boy whom he will soon introduce to theistic fans. Mahan's latest "find" is Al Roy, a 115 pounder, who he says is coming along fine style, and right now is ready to step in and give a good account of himself. He has appeared in a few preliminary bouts, and expects to soon be able to jump out of that class and hop into a semi-final. For the present, however, he will be satisfied to show in a curtain raiser. Mahan is negotiating with several New England clubs in an effort to have them use his property.

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FEAR RUNAWAY RACE

That the club owners also appreciate the menace of a runaway race is revealed by the measures adopted by the league to curb the Giants. The proposal of Hempstead to restore the 25-player limit was voted down.

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SIX-DAY RACE

IT will be a different story next Saturday night," said Fred Couture of the Bellevue club, when asked about the five-mile race in which he will meet Tony Drouin of the Mathew Temperance Institute and James Crowe of the G.M.C. Cadets. Last Saturday night in a three-mile event, in which Couture allowed his opponents to relax, as he was defeated by one lap and third, but in the coming race, as with the was defeated by one lap and third, Couture will be permitted to relax but four times, and this change will give him a chance to get back at the others.

How are you going to stop the Giants?" asked Wilbert Robinson, manager of the National league champions. In those eight words Bobby seems to express the sentiment of the entire league.

Stallings Watching Giants

George Stallings, manager of the third place Braves, whose team was in the running last season, made it unanimous when he said: "The only team the Braves care a whoop about are the Giants. The other clubs won't count."

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According to present market conditions the Christmas dinner will be a little cheaper than on Thanksgiving day, for it is reported that a slight drop has been effected in the prices of turkeys, chickens, geese and ducks, as well as in the cost of vegetables and all other good things which go to make up a real good dinner.

Nice, honest to goodness Vermont turkeys are being advertised for from \$1 to 25 cents a pound, while cold storage birds are selling from 25 to 30 cents a pound, which means a drop in prices of about 5 cents a pound. Goose is retailing for 20 and 25 cents, while chickens are marked between 20 and 30 cents a pound, a decrease of be-

tween 3 and 5 cents a pound as compared with Thanksgiving prices.

Potatoes have dropped three cents a peck during the past few weeks, the market price being 47 cents a peck, while Boston celery is selling for 22 cents a bunch. Fresh eggs have dropped from 65 to 55 cents a dozen, while storage eggs are selling for 35 cents a dozen, a drop of five cents.

A local merchant, speaking about prices this morning, stated that potatoes are bound to go up in price again, for a scarcity of this vegetable is being felt.

He said he has a carload coming at present prices, but was told the cost of the next shipment will be increased.

Nuts and candies have been increased in price to such an extent that the dealers are not selling as much as usual. The Christmas candy which sold for 10 cents a pound last year has been increased to 15 cents, while the fancy ribbon candy in boxes of two pounds has been increased from 23 cents a box to 35 cents. Roast pork is keeping within its former

prices.

Heard banjo wizards. First appearance.

Meerschaum Pipes—at Richard's.

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